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## Church primaries are top of the class

By JOHN O'LEARY  
EDUCATION EDITOR

CHURCH schools dominate the first primary league tables today in an exercise which exposes alarming variations in the performance of state schools across England. Only 15 schools out of 14,500 saw all their pupils achieve the scores expected of an 11-year-old in English, mathematics and science tests last summer. Four out of ten children nationally failed to reach the required levels — although English and maths results showed a 10 per cent improvement on 1995.

Two-thirds of the top 100 places are taken by church schools — most of them small and oversubscribed — and head teachers are preparing for a flood of applications. The Church of England Board of Education said that many already had to select pupils on the basis of family involvement in the church.

Elsewhere, however, the results show sharp differences between schools with similar intakes. And while most of the bottom schools are in the inner cities, there is underachievement in unexpected areas. At the Littleham School in Exmouth, for example, none of the 16 pupils reached the expected standard in mathematics.

The tables challenge other orthodoxies, such as the link between class sizes and performance. Hackney, in east London, whose classes are the second smallest in England, comes bottom of the local authority league table, while Kingston-upon-Thames, with the largest classes, is eighth of the 119 authorities.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, said: "Parents will want to know why there are these differences between schools. Why are some achieving such poor results? Today she will produce an analysis putting Labour authorities at the bottom of both primary and secondary tables, and claim that Labour policies would destroy the grant-maintained and church schools at the top of the tables."

However, Labour said that the results showed the Government's incompetence in tackling the basics. David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said: "It is disgraceful that four in ten of our 11-year-olds cannot master the three Rs effectively."

He added that the tables came too late to help parents to choose a primary school. Labour would require education authorities to publish the results locally. "I'm sure that most parents would find it more useful to read details from several hundred primary schools in their city or county in November rather than wait until March and wading through more than 14,000."

David Hart, of the National Association of Head Teachers, described the tables as a confidence trick, in which no account was taken of pupils' background. He also said that scores were distorted by absences and special educational needs. Doug McAvo, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said that the exercise was a waste of time and funds because outside factors had such a strong influence on pupil achievement. "Parents have more hope of winning the National Lottery than of getting any useful information from these league tables."

The primary tables represent the biggest public information exercise for 50 years, and cost more than £1 million. They included results from almost all state primaries, apart from those where fewer than ten pupils took the tests.

Fifty schools, which either did not set the tests or refused to send papers to be marked, will face further scrutiny by the Office for Standards in Education. Another 22 are missing from the tables because their results went astray for reasons beyond their control. They include eight schools in Lambeth, south London, which lost their test papers in a parcel van robbery.

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League tables, supplement

Teacher's been kept in to study his tables

## Whitehall reminded publicly of poll 'duty'

By VALERIE ELLIOTT  
WHITEHALL EDITOR

NEW rules to remind Britain's 480,000 civil servants of their duty to stay impartial during the general election campaign are to be made public. Senior officials believe the move will help civil servants to distance themselves from the heat of an acrimonious campaign that could last six weeks.

By publishing the advice, officials will also be given leverage and protection against any minister attempting to breach their impartiality. Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary, is amending the draft guidance. It will be released once the Prime Minister announces the election date and Parliament's dissolution.

The move is particularly important at a time when Labour politicians are concerned about civil servants' allegiance and after Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, has publicly condemned Whitehall for leaking information to Labour.

Officials are reminded to take care and to remain objective and impartial. Advice during the 1992 election campaign was not published but The Times has established that warnings were issued against involvement in political activities. Senior grades, for example, be a parliamentary candidate or hold office in a political party.

One concern among officials of late has been the propriety of publishing policy statements when the Government has insufficient time to legislate. In the past few months the Government has published such statements on global trading, the safeguarding of the National Health Service, an adoption policy, reform of social services and, this week, plans for elderly people's nursing homes.

Jonathan Baume, 43, was elected yesterday as general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants. It represents most senior mandarins.

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## Fog danger warning after M42 carnage

By STEPHEN FARRELL

THIS was the scene of devastation on the M42 near Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester, yesterday after three multiple collisions in dense fog. Three people died and 62 were injured. A total of 110 vehicles was involved. Motorists were warned last night to expect further fog today. It is forecast to be dense across Wales, the Midlands and South East, and to clear only slowly.

Police investigating the M42 pile-ups said that poor visibility and excessive speed were important factors.

"The indications are that similar weather conditions will prevail during the coming days. It is absolutely vital that motorists reduce their speed," said John Burbeck, assistant Chief Constable of West Mercia.

A young man was killed in a crash on the A1(M) in Hertfordshire and on the same road near Doncaster about 50 vehicles were involved in nine pile-ups. Twenty people were hurt.

Drivers blamed, page 3

## Nursing home fees insurance

People would be given incentives to insure themselves against the expense of long-term care under Stephen Dorrell's £200 million proposals for reducing the number of elderly people who have to sell their homes to pay nursing home fees. It would cost a man £8,000 and a woman £13,000 to protect assets worth £100,000. Page 10

## Pakistan court supports bride

The year-long ordeal of a young Pakistani couple, who married in defiance of the bride's parents, ended when Lahore High Court declared their marriage legal and valid. Islamic hardliners have attacked the ruling as an assault on the traditional male-dominated family, the bedrock of Pakistani culture. Page 11

## RA bursar jailed

A former bursar at the Royal Academy of Art, who stole almost £400,000 from the institution to win back the affection of his wife after he had been unfaithful, was jailed for five years at Southwark Crown Court. Page 7

## Disney under fire

Descendants of Victor Hugo have condemned Walt Disney's cartoon film *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* as an obscene exploitation of their ancestor's work. Page 16

## Ripper stabbed in eyes by Broadmoor inmate

By DANIEL MCGRORY AND RICHARD FORD

PETER SUTCLIFFE, the Yorkshire Ripper, was under guard in hospital last night after being stabbed in both eyes in a fight with a fellow inmate at Broadmoor top security unit.

A hospital spokesman described his condition as "serious" but could not say if the 50-year-old serial killer would be permanently blinded. Sutcliffe was stabbed with a fibre-tipped pen in the eyes after a fight in Henley Ward, which houses some of Britain's most dangerous criminals. Last night it was confirmed that his attacker was Ian Kay, who killed John Penfold, a trainee manager at Woolworth's branch in Teddington, southwest London, in November 1994. Kay, now 29, grabbed two 50p coins from the till, after stabbing Penfold through the heart with a kitchen knife.

A source inside Broadmoor last night described how Sutcliffe — who is serving life for the murder of 13 women — was reading in his room. His attacker in the high dependency unit walked into the room and after raised voices were heard the source said there were screams of pain from Sutcliffe, who has long been a target for attacks.

"There was a scuffle and Sutcliffe appeared to be stabbed straight into both eyeballs by what we think was

a fibre-tipped pen. Blood was pouring from both eyes," the source said.

"The points of those types of pens are very sharp and can do a lot of damage. We have had other patients in Broadmoor who have been stabbed with such implements which are freely available in the work areas and used for drawing."

As other prisoners and hospital staff came to his help, Sutcliffe was examined by doctors at Broadmoor and then escorted to the specialist eye unit at Frimley Park hospital near Camberley, Surrey.



Sutcliffe: has been a target for attacks

for immediate surgery. His Broadmoor escorts remained alongside his bed as he was treated by doctors.

A member of the hospital staff said: "I later saw him sitting up and talking. He seemed quite animated."

Detectives were last night investigating the attack which comes a year after Sutcliffe was almost garrotted by a convicted thief who calmly knocked on the door of his private room and strangled him with the flex from a pair of headphones.

Sutcliffe — who was sentenced to life imprisonment in 1981 — shouted for help and was only saved by the intervention of Kenneth Erskine, known as the Stockwell Strangler.

A spokesman at Broadmoor said last night that detectives had interviewed Sutcliffe's attacker but he had not been removed from Henley ward.

The attack on Sutcliffe comes only a week after Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, announced a wide-ranging review of the management of Broadmoor special hospital — concentrating on security and the quality of care.

The move followed criticism of security and staffing levels at Broadmoor by the Prison Officers' Association, which warned in a recent report that the hospital was reaching "breaking point".

## 'Snail-like' pensions inquiry angers MPs

By ADAM JONES

ONE of the City watchdogs responsible for winning compensation for people who had been sold the wrong pensions was criticised in the House of Commons yesterday for "snail-like" progress.

The Personal Investment Authority (PIA) told the Treasury Select Committee that, of 558,000 cases where people may have lost money, only 7,000 have received compensation. It said the review is now costing £5 million a year.

Diane Abbott, the Labour MP, said the progress was "pathetic" and "snail-like", while for the Conservatives Quentin Davies said the PIA had failed to "get to first base" in its attempts to identify which life insurance companies were dragging their feet in tracking down victims.

The scandal arose when employees were encouraged to leave company pension schemes with good benefits for personal pensions run by life insurance companies. Most were left worse off as a result, but the inquiry into the size of the deficits has been bogged down since 1994.

Collette Bowe, chief executive of the PIA, said 11,000 people have been offered compensation totalling £80 million by insurance companies. Of these, 7,000 have accepted pay-outs worth £60 million.

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# All a-bored for a journey to a destination of your choice

Yesterday, MPs cross-questioned the Transport Secretary. It is very possible that Sir George Young will never hold that office again. A notable day, then, for him. You would not have thought so. The Chamber was three-quarters empty, the Press Gallery thinly attended, the Strangers Gallery bored. The level of excitement is conveyed by this example of the exchanges:

**Douglas French (C, Gloucester):** "Has my friend noticed the increased

incidence of diagonal hatch-marks on the road...?"  
**John Birt (junior minister):** "My hon friend makes an important point."

This was one of the more gripping of the afternoon's interludes. As riveting was the repartee between John Owen Jones (Lab, Cardiff Central) and junior minister John Watts. Mr Jones complained that a constituent travelling by rail had been "stranded in Ascot on a journey to Aldershot".

Mr Watts, a cautious minis-

ter accustomed to rely on notes, threw off the shackles — demob-happy — with a daring personal reflection: "As one who lives in Ascot I can say there are worse places to be stranded!" Do not mock. This was probably the first time Watts has strayed from his brief. The merry quip was received in silence.

**Oh Mr Minister**  
**What shall I do?**  
**I wanted to go to Aldershot**  
**And they've stopped my train near you.**  
Nigel Forman (C, Carshal-



**MATTHEW PARRIS**  
POLITICAL SKETCH

ton & Wallington) told ministers it was most important "that the 8.07 from Carshalton reaches London Bridge Station on time".

Mr Forman is a thoughtful and informed man: pleasant, tolerant, still young, and distinguished by a sharp mind and a steady judgment. He was once a minister, then

wasn't. It is a tragedy of Shakespearean proportions, played upon a pantomime stage, that such a man should be reduced to monitoring the 8.07 from Carshalton.

Sandwiched between two bouts of Transport Questions, MPs asked questions about the infrastructure of the Commons. Tony Banks (Lab,

Newham NW), in "what a way you are, Tony!" mode, tried a joke about an "election bonus" for Commons staff, "in addition to the bonus of a Labour government". It might be better if Mr Banks just wore a flashing bow-tie and left it at that.

I watched the Transport Secretary handling a scintillating question from Anthony Steen (C, South Hants) about the European Ground Handling Directives, and noticed that nobody was taking the least notice of Sir George. It

was not far from being his last Transport question yesterday, perhaps ever.

What a temptation, then, to drone (in his downbeat, unemphatic way): "I am pleased to announce that my department has discovered a way to dematerialise humans and beam them to the destination of their choice, where they can be rematerialised."

"This renders the nation's entire road, rail and air network redundant."

Nobody would bat an eyelid. The *Hansard* stenogra-

phers would tap away, poked-faced as ever; the Tories might manage a perfunctory "hear-hear"; and Labour's Spokesman, Andrew Smith (who always rants, so nobody listens), would routinely denounce the initiative, either as "another stale policy from a tired and discredited government whose days are numbered" or else "another desperate gimmick from an increasingly desperate and panicky government whose days... etc."

Or possibly both.

## Labour faces cowardice charge after new U-turn

By JILL SHERMAN AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR was last night accused of abandoning yet another policy as it backed away from an assault on the Government over an energy tax.

Last year, Dawn Primarolo, a member of Labour's Treasury team, said in the Commons that the tax on material for insulation should be cut "in the name of justice, jobs, democracy and energy efficiency". This year, however, Alistair Darling, the Shadow Chief Treasury Secretary, has made clear that the party will not support the same proposals, even though there is a good chance of defeating the Government in a vote.

Environmental pressure groups and the Liberal Democrats have turned on Labour for failing to support an amendment to reduce VAT on insulation and other energy

savers from 17.5 per cent to 8 per cent.

Mr Darling last night said that Labour was unable to back any spending commitments, however small, which it could not guarantee to deliver.

He indicated that Labour would abstain in today's amendment in the Budget-enacting Finance Bill and would promise only that the issue would be reviewed if the party won the election.

The Government avoided defeat on the VAT insulation vote last year by only one vote when Labour backed calls for a reduction to 8 per cent. Campaigners were confident that if Labour voted with other opposition parties this year, the Government — now in a minority — could be defeated. At least three Tory MPs have indicated they will not vote

with the government. However, 23 Labour MPs who signed a Commons amendment supporting a cut in the charge have now removed their names. The Liberal Democrats allege that Labour whips have exerted pressure on backbenchers to drop calls for a reduction.

Campaigners say it is ludicrous that 8 per cent VAT added to fuel charges was intended to reduce energy consumption, yet there remains a high charge on materials designed to cut the amount of fuel used. They estimate the cost of the scheme as only £8 million a year.

Yesterday, Matthew Taylor, a Liberal Democrat MP, tabled an early day motion with two Tory MPs, Sir John Hannam and Jerry Hayes condemning Labour's change of tack. "Faced with a chance

to defeat the Tories, Labour chickened out. This proves Labour cannot be trusted on tax, and it proves Labour cannot be trusted on the environment," it says.

Labour also confirmed that it would not vote against the Government on the rises in airport tax announced in the Budget. Although the party strongly opposed the tax when it was introduced in 1994, it abstained last November during the Budget debate and did not raise it during committee stage.

The Scottish National Party and the Liberal Democrats had been hoping that Labour would support an amendment to exclude the Scottish Highlands and Islands from the airport tax. The Ulster Unionists have also tabled an amendment excluding a wider area.



The Bishop of Bradford, the Right Rev David Smith, meets a Big Issue vendor in Bradford yesterday as part of a national campaign organised by the Churches National Housing Coalition to highlight the plight of the homeless. The Bishop of Manchester attacked the main political parties for ignoring the plight of the 'have nots' in the run up to the General Election as he, along with other bishops around the country, took to the streets to help to sell The Big Issue magazine.

## There's no going back for party, Blair tells voters

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR yesterday countered Conservative attempts to scare voters with the prospect of a landslide Labour election victory by declaring that his party had changed irrevocably.

The Labour leader, repeating his warning to his party against complacency, set out to reassure the electorate that Labour would never again be dominated by the trade unions or the far left. The party manifesto would be "uncompromisingly new Labour. People have to know that we will run [for election] from the centre and that we will govern from the centre."

But amid signs that the Conservatives are seeking to use the latest opinion polls predicting a huge Labour victory and Robin Cook's remarks predicting a landslide, Mr Blair said there would be no going back on the "revolutionary" changes.

John Major's remark yesterday that he would be deciding his election programme "over the next few days" raised suspicions that he would tonight use his weekly audience with the Queen to bring her up to date with his plans for the election timetable. He could announce a May 1 election on Friday.

Mr Blair told the Newspaper Society in London yesterday that there would "emphatically be no return" to the past relationship with the unions. "Those days are over." The basic industrial relations legislation intro-

duced by the Conservatives would not be repealed; there would be no return to strikes being called without workers being balloted; no flying pickets; secondary action "or any of the rest of it".

The Parliamentary Labour Party, Mr Blair said, was governed by a tough disciplinary code and a Labour government would not be "given the runaround" by small groups of MPs as the current Government had. Because of "unalterable" structural changes to the Labour Party, it was now in touch with the opinions of real people, rather than those of a few activists or pressure groups.

He said: "New Labour is real and it is here to stay. The changes we have made have altered not just the policies of the Labour Party but our political culture."

People had to know that the old days of tax and spend were over, he said. "I do not deny that there has been a hard battle over tax and spend. Change is hard. But that battle has been won."

Mr Blair denied that the changes amounted to a surrender to the Right's programme. "The irony of British politics to those who remember the 1970s and 1980s is that today it is the Labour Party that is the party of practical ideas: the Tories, the party of ideology. They are far more in thrall to dogma than us."

Peter Riddell, page 19  
Peter Mandelson, page 20

## Strang attacks Hogg over BSE error

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

DOUGLAS HOGG was criticised last night after he admitted giving inaccurate information to his Labour shadow about the disposal of cattle infected with BSE. The mistake prompted Labour calls for a Commons statement from the Agriculture Minister on the Government's handling of the BSE crisis.

In a written Parliamentary answer last Thursday, Mr Hogg told Govin Strang, Labour's agriculture spokesman, that three cattle suspected of having BSE, or "mad cow" disease, were buried last year rather than incinerated. Yesterday, the Ministry of Agriculture said the three carcasses had been used for research.

European and Government guidelines say carcasses infected with BSE should be burned to avoid any possibility of land or water supplies becoming contaminated. The Ministry of Agriculture has told Dr Strang that the remains of 6,120 BSE-infected cattle were buried at landfill sites around Britain before the practice was stopped, but it refuses to give details of where and when on the grounds of "disproportionate cost."

Dr Strang increased the pressure on Mr Hogg yesterday, with a letter to the minister demanding that information. Labour backbencher Helen Jackson, who has put down several questions about BSE, also raised the issue in the Commons.

## Leaders prepare to eat and sleep their way through campaign

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN MAJOR'S prediction yesterday that he will work at least 18 hours a day in the election campaign invited inevitable comparison with his predecessor, Margaret Thatcher.

She was renowned for her ability to function on very little sleep and would not have batted an eyelid at an 18-hour day, according to Sir Bernard Ingham, her former press secretary.

"It would have been slightly under the norm," he said. "She did about 20 hours a day, pretty much the time. That is what I would expect people to do during a general election. I don't think you rest much at all; you try to make sure that you stay in one piece." In her book, *The*

*Downing Street Years*, Lady Thatcher said she had trained herself to make do with around four hours' sleep a night. "There was an intensity about the job of being Prime Minister which made sleep seem a luxury," she wrote.

Earlier this year, Conservative Party strategists said they would try to minimise the risk of mistakes caused by tiredness during the campaign by ensuring that Mr Major was in bed by midnight. But a source admitted that now looked impossible, because of the number of meetings and rallies he will attend.

In any case, Mr Major's performance at a party thrown in his honour in London on Sunday night suggests he may be less keen than

his minders on the idea of early exits. He stayed at The Ivy restaurant until 11.15pm, three quarters of an hour after the party was supposed to end, chatting to celebrities invited by Sir Tim Rice. Among those enjoying the canapés and wine were Sir Cliff Richard, Joan Collins, Fiona Fullerton and Annette Rice.

If Mr Major suffered any morning-after symptoms, they were assuaged with half a grapefruit and a boiled egg, the breakfast he revealed to radio listeners he had enjoyed yesterday.

But there was no chance of a lie-in. He was up at his usual time, between 6am and 6.30am. He told Talk Radio: "I'm up, showered and working within 20 minutes or so."

And I have a series of red boxes with lots of papers that are hanging over from the previous night that I'll start work on straight away."

He expected his working day to get longer the nearer it got to polling day, he said. The other party leaders are also prepared for a change of pace.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, has the advantage of a military training which has taught him how to cat-nap for as little as ten minutes at a time to refresh himself. An aide said Mr Ashdown usually made do with six hours' sleep a night.

A spokesman for Tony Blair said the Labour leader was used to early starts but tried to get home to see his family in the evening.

## The best power breakfast is the usual



Dr Thomas Stuttford

all day. Most doctors would agree that an ideal breakfast restores the blood sugar level so that the brain is well-nourished, but not cause such a sudden increase that it brings on a great outpouring of insulin from the pancreas.

Too greater flow of insulin can create hypoglycaemia, and thereafter an even lower

blood sugar and a sluggish intellect. This can follow a breakfast in which there is too much refined carbohydrate: an excess of Danish pastries for example, rather than porridge followed by some crispy bacon.

Research has found that although a breakfast containing protein, or complex starch-

es such as porridge, restored the blood sugar level, and kept it at a level at which the IQ was at its best, the value of a breakfast was also determined by the person's past breakfasting habits.

If the Prime Minister was, for instance, used to a full traditional breakfast a skimpy meal might blunt his intellectual sharpness. Likewise, for anyone accustomed to only a glass of orange and a cup of coffee before rushing to the office, the luxury of having time for even an egg and grapefruit, let alone a traditional English breakfast, could also damage his alertness and performance at press conferences.

## Man killed in gang shoot-out

More than 120 people fled in terror after rival gangs clashed in a night club and opened fire with a machinegun, killing one man and wounding three others just before dawn yesterday.

The gangs fought both inside and outside the Imperial Garden Club in Camberwell, southeast London. Norman Lyndsy, 26, of South Norwood, was killed, and three others were shot in the head, hand and leg. They are under armed guard in hospital. Police suspect that the shootings were drug-related.

**Third victim**  
A woman aged 83 has become the third elderly resident from a nursing home to die in an outbreak of *E. coli* O157 poisoning. Tayside Health Board said that two new cases, of secondary infection, a woman aged 78 and a care assistant aged 23, have now been confirmed at Cairn Lodge nursing home, Arbroath.

**Jail rejected**  
Plans to house hundreds of prisoners in a former holiday camp near Morecambe were rejected last night by councillors in Lancashire. They said that the proposal to put 700 offenders in the disused Pontins camp would hit the tourist industry. A Prison Service spokesman said: "We are disappointed but we are considering our position."

**Sellafield threat**  
The Irish Government is considering legal action to stop the construction of a proposed nuclear waste dump at Sellafield. Emmet Stagg, Junior Energy Minister, said at the Irish Embassy in London that construction of the facility, 1,000 metres beneath Sellafield could lead to an unacceptable increase in pollution of the Irish Sea.

**Fisherman dies**  
An Irish fisherman died after his boat was in collision with a Spanish trawler, Daniel O'Driscoll, 41, drowned after the *Exodus*, a 40ft wooden vessel from Castletownbere, west Cork, was hit in the side by the *Sea Horse*, a 120ft steel trawler. His two crew survived. Irish police last night put a 48-hour detention order on the Spanish boat.

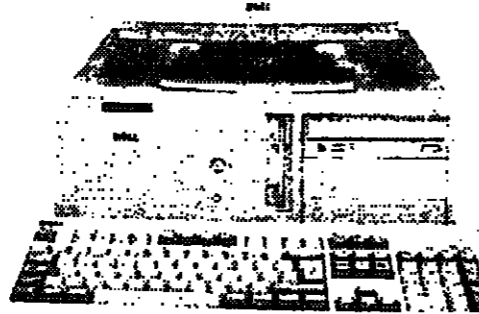
**Chocolate alert**  
A sale of chocolate body paints sold by BHS may have been contaminated with traces of nut, which could cause sickness or death by choking in anyone suffering from nut allergy. The store group said the product was sold under names such as Hot Fudge Fantasy and Kissing Chocolate. An advice line 0800 181107 — has been set up.

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'Children were screaming and dodging between cars. We ran along the top of vehicles to help people'

## Speeding drivers blamed for three deaths in M42 fog

By STEPHEN FARRELL

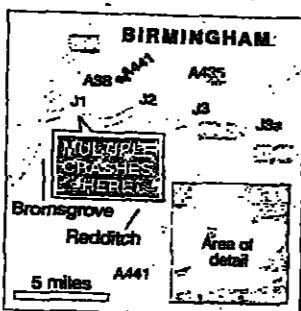
EMERGENCY services blamed speeding drivers yesterday for the triple pile-up on the fog-bound M42, where three people died and 62 were injured. Witnesses told how cars and lorries continued to crash into blazing lines of wreckage as motorists and rescue workers were trying to free trapped passengers.

The accidents created a mass of twisted metal stretching a quarter of a mile near Alvechurch, Hereford and Worcester. Part of the road surface was melted in the heat, and at one point there was concern that a fuel tanker would ignite.

Paramedics began to treat the injured on the edge of the motorway as three hospitals declared major emergency alerts. The motorway was closed for several miles last night for resurfacing and repairs to crash barriers, but the Highways Agency hoped to reopen both carriageways before this morning's rush hour.

Police and fire officers criticised speeding drivers for ignoring fog and visibility warnings. Douglas Mackay, deputy chief fire officer of Hereford and Worcester Fire Service, said: "It is a classic example of the sort of accident

we get when vehicles drive too fast and too close in these conditions. When I was driving to the scene at 8am with my blue lights flashing and at a reasonable speed, I still had cars overtake me in excess of 70mph. That was in conditions of 50-metres visibility. It is just disgusting behaviour. The initial fire crews were faced with a wall of flame



through the mist, and with casualties staggering around the motorway wondering what was going on."

A spokesman for West Midlands Ambulance service said: "It's an unnecessary catastrophe. The fog must have played a major role, and the way people have been driving."

The accident began with an area of small collisions around

6am. Police tried to clear the scene, but were soon faced with 60 vehicles in a multiple collision at 0.45am between junctions one and two on the southbound lanes. Up to 22 vehicles were alight, including two lorries and a police Range Rover, and fears grew that the flames would spread to a tanker filled with benzene near the centre of the pile-up. Fire and ambulance crews struggling to reach the scene were further hampered by another collision involving 30 vehicles on the northbound lanes shortly after 7am.

Tim Birkin, 36, an engineer from Staffordshire, told how he braked before hitting the crashed cars, but his Ford Mondeo was hit by a lorry and burst into flames. He said: "I couldn't believe what was happening. The fire was spreading very easily. There was a petrol tanker two cars behind me but the police pulled it away before it could ignite. The whole scene seemed like a scrapyard. I was lucky to escape with my life."

Gary Knight, a lorry driver, told how rescuers tried to pull others from burning vehicles as petrol tanks and tyres exploded. "We were running



Rescue workers survey burnt-out wrecks in one of the pile-ups. A fire chief said he was disgusted by the speed of drivers in the fog

over the top of vehicles, trying to help people out. I managed to drag out one chap out who was quite badly injured. We were trying to get some lad out of a car. The heat was keeping us away. There was nothing we could do."

Ann Gaskell, 34, from Kew,

southwest London, was treated at Selly Oak Hospital for cuts and bruises after escaping from her car just before it burst into flames. She said: "A Transit van went right over my roof. I just felt fear and panic as I heard more and more smashes. There were

children screaming and dodging between the cars."

Among the dead were Malcolm MacDonald, aged 53, a postman from Redditch, who was on the way to deliver mail to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Redditch, and Lisa Susan Dodson, 21, a student,

from Chaddesley Corbett, Kidderminster. The third victim had not been named.

Last night, 22 people were detained in hospital. Eight were at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, one of them in intensive care with a broken pelvis, broken shoulder blade

and punctured lung. At Selly Oak Hospital, there were two in intensive care, one with a broken neck and the other after emergency surgery to serious chest and stomach injuries. Three people were also treated for minor injuries at Sandwell Hospital.

## HIV doctor did not take test despite warning

By ADRIAN LEE

A JUNIOR doctor who has the Aids virus admitted yesterday that he did not take an HIV test despite being told by his lover that he had infected her.

Patrick Ngosa, who worked at five NHS hospitals, failed to attend a hearing of the General Medical Council's Professional Conduct Committee in London. His lawyer said he had been the victim of a witch hunt and was terrified.

The hearing was told that the doctor, a gynaecologist and obstetrician who qualified in Zambia, admitted a number of allegations against him: that he had an affair with "Mrs A" between about May 1994 and December 1995; that on May 1 last year, she told him that she had been diagnosed HIV positive; that at a series of meetings with the medical authorities in 1996, he denied the affair; and that throughout that year he did not take an HIV test.

The doctor, who worked within the NHS for six years, also admitted that he should have taken adequate steps to verify his HIV status. However, he denies that any of his behaviour amounted to serious professional misconduct.

Nicola Davies, QC, for Dr Ngosa, lost an attempt to have the hearing in private. She argued that he was a patient and thus had a right to confidentiality. Her application to give him a chance to attend at a later date was also refused.

Miss Davies said Dr Ngosa had co-operated fully with the authorities and his legal team in recent weeks but was now in hiding and she was unable to contact him. "The one thing that has become very clear when we met with him last Wednesday... was that the doctor was terrified that his identity would in some way or

another be disclosed at this hearing."

Because of press reports naming him, that nightmare has happened. "Witch hunt would not be too high a term to describe what has happened this weekend and at the end of it is a sick doctor."

Rosalind Foster, for the GMC, said: "The anxiety... is that this doctor may have practised elsewhere. We simply don't know the situation. As late as the middle of last week another hospital [Rugby Hospital] became apparent. The time has now come for this inquiry to proceed."

Hospital authorities have identified 1,752 women who underwent surgical procedures in which Dr Ngosa took part and may be at risk. By yesterday afternoon, 6,784 women had contacted help-lines. A spokesman for the North Thames Region of the NHS, which is co-ordinating efforts to contact the patients who may be at risk, said that many had taken HIV tests.

Dr Ngosa's last known address was in Ilford, Essex. The doctor, who is married with three children, informed medical authorities on February 18 that he was HIV positive.

The hearing continues.



Ngosa: "too terrified" to attend the hearing

## Dickinson police to check DNA of suspect

By BEN MACINTYRE AND JOANNA BALE

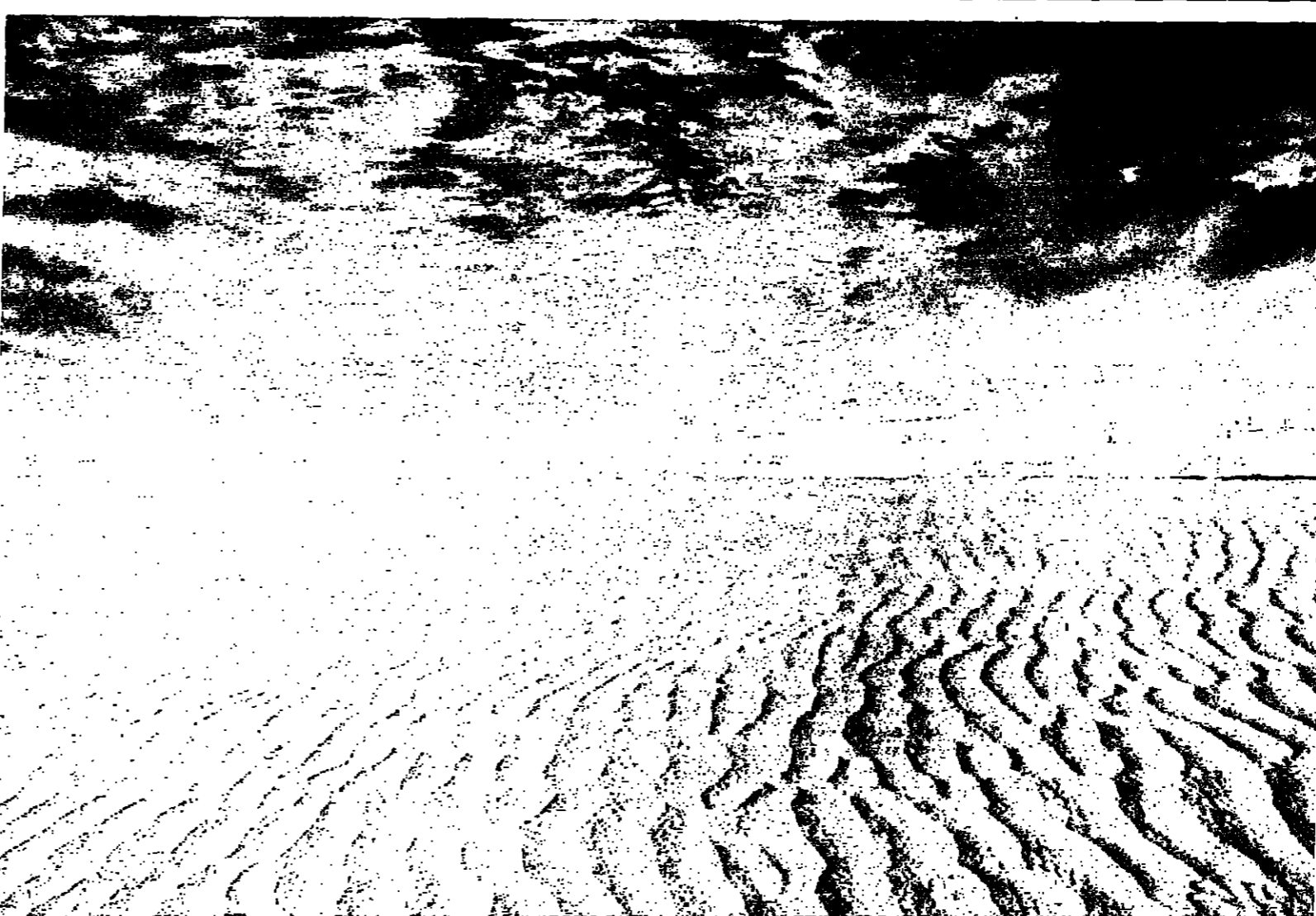
FRENCH police investigating the rape and murder of the British schoolgirl Caroline Dickinson are to compare DNA evidence with that of a man arrested after he attempted to abduct a girl aged ten.

Jean-Paul Barbault, 35, a travelling salesman, was arrested at Carcassonne in southwest France on Friday. He has allegedly admitted to abducting eight children and raping three of them. He is also suspected of raping another ten-year-old girl at St. Meen-le-Grand in Brittany last November, 30 miles from the village of Pleine-Fougères where Caroline, 13, was killed last July.

Speaking publicly for the first time about the case, Caroline's mother Susan said from her home in Launceston, Cornwall last night: "It is nice to hear something positive. This is the first I have heard of this latest development. We are usually contacted by our French lawyer."

A police spokesman said: "We have every reason to believe that the man arrested at Carcassonne is indeed the rapist from St. Meen." Sources close to the Dickinson investigation said that an application for Barbault's DNA test results had been sent to police at Carcassonne.

Caroline was found dead on July 18 in the room she was sharing with schoolfriends at a youth hostel while on a school trip to Brittany. Days later, police arrested a homeless man, but later released him after genetic testing established his innocence. The man later claimed a false confession had been extracted by police, and last month Caroline's father, John Dickinson, questioned the competence of the gendarmes investigating the Brittany case.



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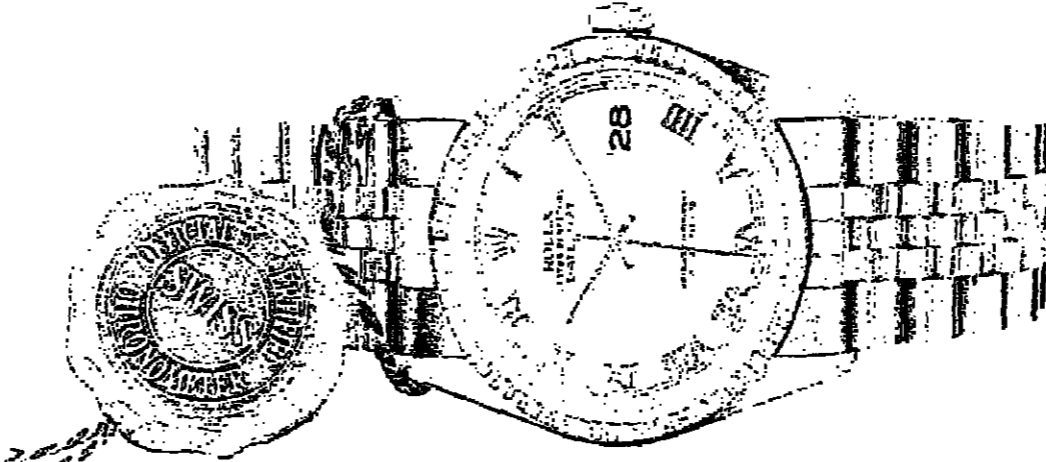
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## France draws line in sand to stop Channel swimmers

By JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

THE French have found a new way to dampen British enthusiasm for Channel-hopping: their coastguards are banning anyone attempting to make the crossing by front crawl, breaststroke or butterfly from French beaches.

The decision, part of a wider plan to improve marine safety, has outraged members of the Dover-based Channel Swimming Association. This body invigilates all attempts on the 21-mile crossing, first achieved by Captain Matthew Webb in 1875 and followed by 502 other people.

Allison Streeter, who has completed a record 34 crossings, said yesterday: "I

think the French are being petty. This is all part of the rivalry between the nations. There has only been a handful of French Channel swimmers." The ban has been imposed by the French maritime authorities on "unorthodox" methods of crossing the Channel. However, they will still allow swimmers, who start from England, to land in France. For double crossings, they will allow swimmers a 10-minute rest before returning to England.

In 1990 Miss Streeter, from Dover, became the first woman to swim the Channel three-ways, with only two 10-minute rests between each

lap. She added yesterday: "I cannot see what is the difference between landing in France and starting in France."

Most Channel swimmers prefer to begin from England — last year only two of the 25 successful solo crossings started from France. This year, 40 people have booked summer crossings.

Norman Trusty, an official observer of attempts for the CSA, said: "We are surprised and disappointed. It seems that the French introduced new laws some time ago to tighten up marine safety but no one told us the implications for Channel swimmers."

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BY ALEXANDRA FREAN  
AND JOANNA BALE

Channel 5, the first new terrestrial channel in 15 years, is obliged by law to retune free any video recorders or other



Jenny Glenton, a freelance management and training consultant from London who specialises in customer care, lost three days' work waiting at home for Channel 5 engineers after a retuner broke her television just before Christmas. At Ms Glenton's insistence, Channel 5 provided her

Even then, a further returning visit was needed. During that time, Channel 5 repeatedly failed to turn up to arranged visits and did not respond to telephone calls and letters. After Ms Glenton complained directly to David Elstein, Channel 5's chief executive, the company offered her compensation, which she described as derisory. After

Mr Dacey, 41, says he telephoned Channel 5 more than 40 times to try to sort out the problem. "I have been

The Independent Television Commission requires 90 per cent of homes in any one area to be returned before the station can go on air in that locality. The ITC, which says it is confident that the retuning programme is running according to schedule, relies entirely on retuning information supplied by Channel 5.

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**BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH**

Sir David Puttnam said his "best friend" would be remembered for his skill but mainly for his personal qualities, in particular his loyalty and generosity.

Donovan's son Daniel said: "Everything he did in life was stylish. What man could hope for a better father?"



**By JONATHAN PRYNN, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT**

A spokesman for Virgin West Coast said: "We didn't

■ The Docklands Light Railway, built in the late 1980s to serve the growing office developments of east London, has been privatised through a management and employee buyout. The network, which has an annual revenue of £11 million, is to be let on a seven-year franchise to Docklands Railway Management.

**SOUTH WEST TRAINS** is to be fined £600 for every peak-hour service it has cancelled after it fired too many drivers. John Watts, the Rail Minister, confirmed yesterday (Jonathan Pryn writes).

Speaking in the Commons, Mr Watts insisted that rail privatisation was working, despite what he conceded was the company's "inept" performance. The penalties for poor performance are as set out in the franchise agreement. They will be imposed when the performance figures for an accounting period are determined," he said.

The company has cancelled 39 services a day — one peak service and 38 off-peak — until at least mid-April while its remaining drivers are retrained. The off-peak cancellations incur charges of about £100 each. The total fine to be imposed by John O'Brien, the rail franchise director, is likely to reach hundreds of thousands of pounds.

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**By DAVID CHARTER, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT**



porarily last autumn after teachers demanded the expulsion of 61 pupils.

The report added: "Heads were anxious for high-quality advice that might help them move forward. They were clear that such advice had not been regularly available from the authority and they were not convinced it would be forthcoming." Calderdale was carrying out its statutory duty but with "no convincing strategy for school improvement".

Michael Higgins, Calderdale's chairman of education, said: "I don't think we're the worst authority in the country and I don't think we're the best either. We totally reject the remark that we are a failing authority. I think the timing of this report is the key to everything. It is election time coming up shortly and the Conservatives have got to find some way of flogging their dead horse policies." Ian Jen-

Mr's Shephard said the findings justify her decision to press Calderdale to accept an inspection. "It should not have been left to the Government to intervene in The Ridings school by sending in inspectors. Calderdale should have taken action long before the school reached the state in which the inspectors found it," she said.

David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, said Calderdale should be given more time to put its house in order. "The fact is that Calderdale volunteered for an inspection. They worked with Ofsted on a report which was inevitably going to reveal weaknesses. They have rightly begun to address those

Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, defended the report and its timing as "totally fair and non-political. Calderdale's education authority and its director of education have not been put at any disadvantage."

## AN INNER London primary

Sixty-six per cent of the children receive free school meals — an indicator of the low income of parents — and English is not the first language of nearly 50 per cent.

David McElroy, appointed head teacher 18 months ago to rescue the school, said: "This

is severe social and economic disadvantage, by any standards. But this school will not use these statistics as any excuse for under-achievement for our children."

The league table will not let him. Nearby, Gloucester primary shares a similar social profile, yet 66 per cent of its 11-year-olds achieved the target levels in mathematics and science and 80 per cent in English.

Grange Primary has recently been given a facelift by Southwark council, and there is no sign of rowdiness among the 221 pupils. Parents collecting their children yesterday were full of praise for Mr

### League tables:

**McElroy's efforts to reverse the cycle of failure by introducing homework, prefects and targets for improvement.**

Danny Tipple, whose ten-year-old son attends the school, said: "It's a shame Mr McElroy is going to get slagged off for something that isn't his fault. There has been a great improvement since those tables were done."

Mr McElroy believes the roots of Grange's poor results lay in low literacy standards, which meant children could not keep up in other subjects. He has introduced a structured reading scheme, as well as various ideas to raise the children's self-esteem, such as

**See supplement**

appointing prefects and a head boy and girl, and linking up for sport coaching sessions with Millwall Football Club

Gordon Mott, director of education in Southwark, has promised extra help for children sent to local secondary schools who are struggling with the basics. "Schools like Gloucester primary demonstrate it can be done with a committed staff and head teacher and a supportive governing body," he says.

"League tables are clearly a blunt instrument which do not discriminate between Southwark and Surrey. Everyone looks at the top and bottom but you can argue this encourages complacency for the majority in the middle."

**NEWS IN BRIEF**

A farmer who shot at a police car and then drove after it, thinking the officers were thieves, was cleared of five arms offences at Maidstone Crown Court. The police had been called to find raiders stealing barn roof-tiles at Aldington, Kent. Martin Boulden, 40, said he loaded his shotgun out of fear, but it went off as he closed it, peppering the car with shot. As the police reversed away he followed until he saw their crest. No one was hurt. The real thieves escaped.

Bernard Edwards, 51, an ambulance driver, pleaded guilty to driving with excess alcohol on a late-night emergency call on January 24. Denbigh magistrates, in North Wales, adjourned the case.

An eight-year-old boy was found hanged by a skipping rope in a bedroom at his home in Oldham, Greater Manchester. Sayed Shah is believed to have died after a game went wrong.

Darren Williams, 29, a petty officer who grabbed the referee at a *Bury v Bournemouth* match last month, has pleaded guilty to encroaching the pitch and assault. Bury magistrates adjourned the case.

Jonathan Baume, 43, has been elected general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, replacing Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, who has accepted a life peerage.

Alfred Sheinwold, the American expert on bridge, has died aged 85. Mr Sheinwold, who was born in London, was known as the King of Bridge and wrote 13 bestselling books on the game.

**CHARGE MOVE**  
A barn owl blacked out 940 homes in Wensley, Derbyshire, after it landed on an 11,000-volt cable and knocked out a transformer with its large wingspan. It is believed to have been a first-time

**BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH**

**A SCHOOL** where the late John Smith's father used to teach has won the backing of the former Labour leader's widow in its fight against closure.

**Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill** spoke to parents yesterday after hearing of the school's plight. She has promised to write to Argyll and Bute Council urging it to reconsider plans to close Portnahaven Primary on Islay, in the Hebrides, which has

just 11 pupils. Her late father-in-law, Archibald Smith, was schoolmaster there in the late 1930s and villagers recall his son John as a little boy.

The council claims that it will save £42,000 by shutting the 119-year-old, one-classroom school and transferring the pupils to Port Charlotte Primary School eight miles away.

Parents were meeting education officials last night to discuss the plans, which will add an hour's journey time along a single-track road to their children's schoolday.

Several other schools also face closure because of education budget cuts. Parents say they will refuse to send their children to Port Charlotte if Portmahaven closes in June.

Isabel Robertson, of the parents' action group, whose daughter Heledd, five, attends Portmahaven, said: "This school serves two neighbouring communities of about 120 people and if it closes, it will destroy the place. It is a wonderful little school. It has all mod cons, such as video conferencing, and the children

get individual attention. My daughter is only five but she can already read fluently."


Archibald Smith taught at Portnahaven from 1936 until 1940, when the Smiths moved to the mainland. The school had two classrooms and up to 70 pupils.

Mr Smith cut a distinctive figure in the community. He was rarely seen without his trilby and walking stick.

One of his former pupils, Neil MacNeill, 67, who still lives in

Portmahaven, remembers him as being very strict. Mr MacNeill said: "If we met him out of school, we had to salute him and say, 'Good-day Sir'. He only lost his temper now and then because we were all frightened of him so we kept quiet. I never saw him use the cane - his voice was enough to put us in our place. It didn't do us any harm.

"I can still remember John Smith playing in the yard. I was very sad to hear that he died. He would have been a great Prime Minister."



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Husband stole £400,000 from gallery and £29,000 from church fund to win back wife

## Bursar gets five years for theft from Royal Academy

BY TIM JONES

A FORMER bursar at the Royal Academy of Art, who stole almost £400,000 from the institution to win back the affection of his wife after he had been unfaithful, was jailed for five years yesterday.

Trevor Clark, 44, also stole more than £29,000 from the restoration fund of his village church and pocketed Sunday service collections.

Southwark Crown Court was told that the money he took from his employers and trusting parishioners went to support a lifestyle his £30,000 salary could not possibly sustain. He made extensive improvements to his five bedroom home, sent his four children to private schools at an annual cost of £21,000, bought horses for them and drove several cars. While he was defrauding the academy, which was itself facing one cash crisis after another,

Clark, of Watton-at-Stone, Hertfordshire, told colleagues he had won the pools or that his wife had money.

Sentencing him, Judge Butler, QC, said it was the worst case of its kind he had come across. "You were in gross breach of the trust the Royal Academy had placed in you as one of its most senior employees. The offences which took place over a number of years were motivated simply by greed and a desire to live beyond your means."

He told Clark the theft from the village church of St Andrew and St Mary, while he was acting as treasurer, was "particularly despicable and disreputable".

Roger Smart, for the prosecution, said Clark's crimes began after his wife, Elaine, discovered he was having an affair with a colleague who worked with him at the Royal



Elaine Clark: husband's affair led to breakdown

Academy. Mrs Clark had a nervous breakdown and attempted to commit suicide.

Mr Smart said: "Clark said he was living on the edge, with his former lover still working in the same office, and he began stealing in a bid to try to buy back his wife's love."

His dishonesty came to light when a junior colleague ques-

tioned one of the cheques he had signed. Confronted by superiors, Clark told them that because of financial pressures, he had taken £45,000 from the Summer Exhibition account.

Believing that was the extent of his dishonesty, and fearing adverse publicity could damage the academy's reputation and affect donations, officials allowed Clark to convert the money into an interest-bearing loan. But he soon broke undertakings about future behaviour and was ordered to resign. Police investigations then uncovered the full extent of his fraud.

Soon afterwards, the Rev Brian Gwinn confronted Clark about irregularities in the church restoration fund.

Jeremy Donne, for Clark, said: "He is at pretty much of a loss to understand how it all started in the first place. He undoubtedly came to live in something akin to a fantasy world."



Trevor Clark arriving at court yesterday. He told colleagues he had won the pools

## Doctor's wife 'lied about jewel robbery'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A DOCTOR'S wife defrauded an insurance company of £50,000 by inventing a violent robbery, a court was told. Suzanne Richards, who was four months' pregnant, pretended that a gang had tied her up.

Mrs Richards told police in May 1992 that the robbers got away with more than £50,000 worth of jewels and other valuables after forcing her to open a safe. However, three years later she sold an £18,000 brooch alleged to have been part of the haul, Elwen Evans, for the prosecution, told Swansea Crown Court. Police then recovered a silver cutlery set and a NEC video recorder also claimed to have been stolen.

Mrs Richards, 29, of Newdigate, Surrey, who was working as a nurse in the practice in Ammanford, South Wales, where her husband was a trainee GP, denies obtaining £50,000 from Guardian Royal Exchange by deception. The case continues.

## Hostage's family 'betrayed' by abductor's release

BY DAREH GREGORIAN

THE family of a British man abducted in Cambodia a year ago expressed dismay yesterday that the Khmer Rouge guerrilla jailed for his kidnapping had been released.

The release came to light when Cambodian police went to interview Cheap Vichit, who was jailed for five years last July for organising the kidnap of Christopher Howes, 37, a charity worker who is still missing. "When they got to the prison they found he had been released in January," Mr Howes's father Roy said. The family has received no firm information about their son, a former soldier, since he was seized by Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

"All we have had are lies, rumours and counter-rumours for 12 months," Mr Howes said. "We had expected that Cheap Vichit would serve his full term of imprisonment and certainly not be released while the fate and whereabouts of my son remain unknown."

Mr Howes said he "shook with rage" when told of the release. "I have written to both Prime Ministers of Cambodia expressing the sense of anger, outrage and betrayal felt by the family and demanding the immediate re-arrest of this man who, if any harm has befallen the hostages, will bear a direct responsibility."

Mr Howes, 68, of Bristol, added: "The question is

whether the release is the result of a conspiracy of someone in authority in Cambodia or gross maladministration on the part of the Cambodian Government."

Cheap is understood to have been released under an amnesty given to some members of the Khmer Rouge.

The Foreign Office said yesterday: "We have made sure the Cambodians know our concerns about the release of Cheap Vichit. We have demanded an official explanation. We are protesting in the strongest possible way."

The Foreign Office has sought the help of other countries in South-East Asia in tracing Christopher Howes. "We take every opportunity to raise this case at every level possible," a spokesman said. The British Government still had no information about his whereabouts. "There has been no proof of life since his kidnap, but we must work on the assumption he is still alive," the spokesman said.

Mr Howes and Houn Hourth, his Cambodian interpreter, were seized when their 30-strong team of mine-clearers were surrounded by heavily armed guerrillas. They had been working in Siam Reap province for two weeks. Last November, hopes rose when it was wrongly reported that Mr Howes had escaped with a breakaway Khmer Rouge group.



Roy Howes and his kidnapped son Christopher

## Police hope whistles will call the tune

FOR the first time in 14 years, police in some seaside towns are able to whistle while they work (Dareh Gregorian writes). Community police in Margate, Ramsgate and Broadstairs in Kent have been issued with £250 whistles to clear a path through crowds while chasing criminals.

Whistles were replaced by radios 14 years ago. They have been reintroduced as part of the "zero tolerance"

regime introduced in Margate. "The idea is to help to raise the profile of police officers," Mark Pugash, a police spokesman, said. "It may well be that people decide that they can help if they hear the whistle. They are more likely to respond to a whistle than a shout. The reaction has been excellent."

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## A black and white photograph of the National Assembly building in Tallinn, Estonia. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a prominent portico supported by several columns. The architecture is classical, with a pediment over the entrance. The building is surrounded by trees and a lawn in the foreground. The image is somewhat grainy and has a high-contrast, almost woodcut-like appearance.

AN AUSTRALIAN tycoon who can trace his lineage from John of Gaunt has bought one of England's largest and finest stately homes, Croombe Court in Hereford and Worcester. It may have 55 bedrooms and nine magnificent state rooms, including a 63ft sculpture gallery, but what attracted Luke Butler was the peace and quiet of the countryside and the prospect of watching the local cricket club playing on the lawns in front of his windows. He is to provide the club with new changing rooms.

Croombe Court was built in the 1750s for the Earls of Coventry by Lancelot (Capability) Brown who also laid out the magnificent park. Built of golden Bath stone, in the

George III. Queen Victoria and George V visited Croombe. During the Second World War, the Dutch Royal Family took refuge in the house, which was then sold in 1948 by the Coventrys. The collection of furniture and paintings was dispersed: an entire room from Croombe is one of the show-pieces in the Metropolitan Museum in New York. I have been to look at the furniture both at the Victoria and Albert Museum and the Met but that's just past history now and my

The house became a Roman Catholic boys' school and was later acquired by the Hari Krishna community which painted one of the drawing rooms in fruit-salad colours for their wedding ceremonies. During the past 15 years, the house — which retains just 33 acres of its once vast estate — has been constantly on and off the market. The main problems have been its sheer size, and the escalating repair bill. As well as four floors of accommodation in the main house, there is a large red-brick guest wing and an even larger

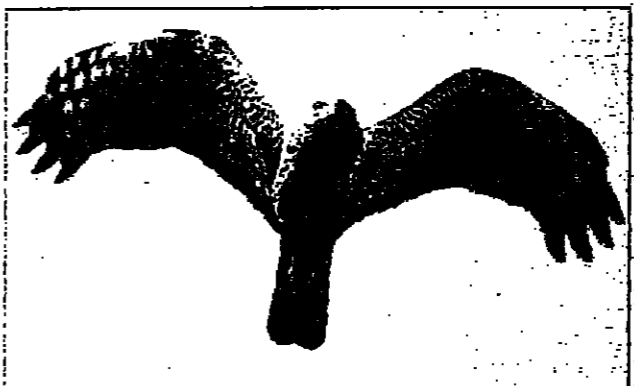
Mr Butler, a Queenslander, is listed in *Debrett's Peerage* among the collateral descendants of the Dukes of Beaufort. When Mr Butler's grandfather was asked early this century if he wished to stake a claim to the Beaufort inheritance, he reportedly said: "Why should I waste decrepit English agricultural capital when I've got thousands of prime acres in Queensland?"

**By MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT**

Numbers of most birds of prey have recovered over the

Source: Royal Society for The Protection of Birds

Survivors: the white-tailed eagle, above, now numbers 12 pairs. The osprey, below left, red kite and marsh harrier, right, have also increased.



outcome of the Langholm experiment by people who fear it may not be in their favour. The RSPB has cleverly underplayed the scale of the problem by counting birds of prey in pairs, ignoring the large numbers of single juveniles and young adults."

Despite the problems, the option of destroying the badgers was said to be unacceptable to the council — and to the residents.

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# Incentive scheme will encourage people to prepare for old age while protecting their property assets

## Too much faith placed in discredited industry

By ANNE ASHWORTH, PERSONAL FINANCE EDITOR

IN LESS than a week, the Government has tried to resolve two of the most pressing problems of a greying population: the inadequacy of our pension provision and the long-term care conundrum.

Last Wednesday, Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, proposed the radical reform of the state pension scheme in a set of measures intended to cajole and compel the working population to put money aside for their old age. Now Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has announced steps to encourage the retired to insure against nursing home fees.

Again the Government has looked overseas for ideas. The state pension proposals were inspired by the Chilean example. The long-term care plans owe much to a scheme pioneered in California, a state whose youthful image belies the rising age of its residents, more Elizabeth Taylor than Pamela Anderson.

The long-term care proposals should again alert the nation of the need to amass considerable sums for its retirement. However, the scheme is likely to benefit too few households and, like the flawed plans to privatise the state pension, it relies too much on the life insurance companies, placing too much trust in an industry that has shown itself wanting.

The complex workings of

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the Dorrell partnership arrangement mean that the principal beneficiaries will be those with assets of less than £60,000. This is less than the average semi-detached house price nationwide and almost half the average price in Greater London. This means that many will still need to sacrifice the homes that they had wished to pass onto their heirs.

It is strange that a government committed to seeing wealth trickle down through the generations could not have chosen to protect £2 worth of assets for every £1 of insurance cover purchased, allowing an extra one million people to benefit.

The life insurance companies have shown themselves to have boundless enthusiasm for extra sales but intermittent regard for their customers' interests. They are under a cloud for their failure to compensate the 500,000 victims of the personal pension scandal, which may be one reason why they were uncharacteristically muted yesterday in their welcome for the Government's long-term care proposals.

Until those employees who were improperly advised to leave company pension schemes receive their redress, it is inappropriate that the life

insurers should take on extra responsibility for the welfare of the elderly.

The public's suspicions about the life insurance companies is shown in the low demand for the long-term policies now on the market. It is significant that, despite the publicity surrounding the 40,000 elderly people who each year are forced to sell their homes to meet their nursing care bills, there are only 20,000 long-term care policyholders.

The rest have glanced at the conditions of the policies and doubted whether they would ever see a payout in return for their £10,000 premium for a man aged 65, rising to £17,000 for a woman. To make a claim, the insured must typically show that he or she is incapable of three "activities of daily living", such as dressing, feeding and washing oneself. Anyone who has had a valid insurance claim rejected can become old and enfeebled and still unable to rely on an expensively purchased policy.

Unless the insurers can devise new partnership policies that are both flexible and sensibly priced, it seems likely that thousands will take a retirement day gamble on remaining hale and hearty and being among the 80 per cent of the elderly who do not need to finish their days in residential care.



Stephen Dorrell announcing his community care proposals at a news conference yesterday

## Dorrell details his nursing fee deal for elderly homeowners

By JILL SHERMAN AND MARIANNE CURPHEY

STEPHEN DORRELL presented a £200 million package of measures yesterday to help thousands of elderly people to keep their homes if they have to go into residential care.

Under the scheme, which will be a centrepiece of the Tory manifesto, people will be given an incentive to insure themselves against the expense of long-term care, which can be as much as £20,000 a year. The aim is to avoid the present problem, where pensioners are often forced to sell their homes to pay for nursing care. A Tory government would offer elderly people protection of £150 worth of capital assets for every £1 of insurance cover they purchase.

Insurance lump-sum premiums would be costly, with elderly men paying £8,000 to protect assets worth £100,000, and women having to pay £13,000 for the same level of assets, according to figures provided by the Department of Health (based on a 70-year-old with an income of £3,200 a year).

However, these figures are based on much lower premiums than those quoted by private insurers yesterday.

Mr Dorrell made clear that people could opt to pay premiums against the value of their house, so they would not need any additional assets to fund the insurance policy.

Nevertheless Labour said that the scheme would benefit only the few who could afford to pay the premiums.

Under the present system, anyone who applies to a local council for help with the cost of residential care is means-tested. Those with savings and other assets worth more than £10,000 are required to contribute towards the costs of their care, while those with assets over £16,000 have to pay the full bill.

Yesterday insurers welcomed the Government's proposals but expressed concern

that out of the 8 million pensioners who might need to make their own provision fewer than one million would be helped by the new scheme.

The life industry has lobbied intensively for more than two years for the Government to make a decision on long-term care for the nation's 12 million pensioners, one in five of whom will eventually need care. The number of people entering nursing home care has doubled to 440,000 in the past 15 years.

At present, four million pensioners have capital and savings, including the value of their home, of £16,000 or below. If they have fewer than £10,000 worth of assets they will pay nothing towards their care, and if they have between £10,000 and £16,000 they will qualify for state help but will have to make some contribution. This group will not be affected by the draft Bill.

Of the 8 million remaining, who have more than £16,000 of assets and may need to pay for their own care, 2 million are wealthy enough to make their own provision, or buy plans already on offer. An estimated 20,000 people of these have already long-term care insurance. Insurers predict this figure will increase rapidly as the wealthy realise that the new proposals offer little help to them. The insurers

argue, however, that Mr Dorrell's proposals will help only a limited number of the 6 million remaining pensioners, mainly those whose homes and assets are worth between £40,000 and £70,000.

This is because if a pensioner has a home worth £60,000, he will need to take out insurance to cover £44,000 of assets, allowing for the Government's disregard of £16,000. Such a premium would cost an estimated £3,929 for a single premium or £55 a month for cover for three years for a male non-smoker aged 65, according to the healthcare company Bupa.

Someone with a £30,000 home would need to protect £74,000 worth of assets and would need to pay a single premium of £15,085. This is prohibitively high for many pensioners who own a house but have little additional income other than their pension.

PPP lifetime care claims twice as many people, i.e. two million, would have benefited had the Government chosen to disregard £2 of assets for every £1 of insurance cover purchased, rather than £150.

Bupa said that Mr Dorrell's proposals would be of "significant benefit to those with assets of £60,000 or less, which is around 750,000 people". Peter Jacobs, the chief executive, added: "The announcement also introduces an element of regional discrimination, because the average home in London and the South East is worth between £90,000 and £100,000 compared to the national average of £60,000."

Even under the new proposals, making provision for old age will not be cheap. A week's stay at a private nursing home costs £350 to £500. For a single premium of £10,000, Bupa offers income of either £1,360 a month for three years from the start of residential care or £1,175 a month for the rest of the policyholder's life. It plans to offer similar terms if the proposals become law.



Jacobs highlighted regional discrimination

## Labour will win but has reason to be wary

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

THE political mood has changed. It is no longer a question of whether Labour wins, but by how much. Pollsters and pundits have revised their forecasts of a possible Labour majority towards 100. This shift was triggered by the Tory rout at Wirral South, reinforced by two polls showing an increased Labour lead, and crystallised by Robin Cook's talk about a Labour "landslide".

Labour leaders are jittery, not quite believing that the party at last looks like winning. Tony Blair is wary of any hint of premature triumphalism, not least because it might alienate wavering voters. Hence he has sought to be reassuring. "We take nothing for granted," he said in a speech yesterday, listing various changes to Labour's constitution, policies and links with the unions. He sought to contrast "new" Labour with its past: "People have to know that we will run from the centre and that we will govern from the centre." This argument is echoed in Peter Mandelson's article on page 20 this morning. The tone is as revealing as the message.

The Tories are showing signs of fracturing. Sir George Giddens' weekend outburst gave the Referendum Party the oxygen of publicity, and John Major some unwelcome headlines, for 36 hours, but is otherwise of marginal significance. Sir George may get a few thousand votes in Reigate, but not enough to cost the Tories the seat. More

interesting are the signs that some Tory MPs, and candidates, are trying to distance themselves from the national leadership. I doubt whether those sceptics planning to include in their constituency election addresses a pledge to oppose entry into a single currency on principle will sway many voters. Such pledges are more about post-election Tory politics.

However, there are moves among Tory MPs in the West Midlands for a joint statement on the single currency and immigration. Nicholas Budgen, Enoch Powell's constituency and spiritual heir in Wolverhampton South West, last week twice raised proposed Labour changes in immigration rules. He argues that any significant relaxation, particularly in the priority purpose rule, might adversely affect the improvement in race relations in the region, an interpretation vigorously rejected by Labour. He was rebuffed in the Commons by both Mr Major and Tony Newton, the Leader of the House. Mr Budgen has already talked to fellow sceptics about a joint approach and will now take wider soundings. There are, of course, several marginal seats in the region.

By contrast, the Liberal Democrats have been largely ignored by the media as their poll rating has stagnated. The

question has been posed: what role is there for the Liberal Democrats in the world of new Labour? But the two parties do have distinct appeals, both geographically and ideologically, even if there is more overlap than Liberal Democrat purists might claim. Talk of merger or coalition is for the indefinite future. Even a formal post-election agreement is unlikely barring the improbable combination of a hung Parliament and large Liberal Democrat gains. More likely is the type of co-operation on implementing constitutional reform envisaged by last week's report of a joint committee from the two parties.

The discussions leading up to the report underlined not only the scope but also the limits of co-operation. The Liberal Democrats are wary of the caution of Blairism, while Labour is irritated by what it sees as the self-righteousness of many Liberal Democrats and the political unreality of their promises on tax rises. However, some friction between the parties may even suit the Liberal Democrats and back up Paddy Ashdown's claims about being different. Further talk of a Labour landslide could rebound to benefit the Liberal Democrats, and even some Tories. No wonder Messrs Blair and Mandelson are so keen to warn against complacency.

PETER RIDDELL

## Freeman plans red tape review

By VALERIE ELLIOTT  
WHITEHALL EDITOR

THE Government is examining ways of reforming the red tape and regulations that irritate the public and take up so much of their time.

Roger Freeman, the Public Service Minister, said yesterday that if the Tories remained in power they would commission opinion polls and market surveys to identify the problems that make life difficult for consumers and citizens. Among the possible areas for

reform are the registration of births, marriages and deaths; the taxation system; and the gaming and licensing laws.

A Government source said: "We have already done a lot by opening up Sunday shopping, allowing children in pubs, and changing opening times. But we are still living with laws which date back to World War One."

Mr Freeman, speaking at a deregulation conference in central London for local authority enforcement officers and businessmen, said that

the Government wanted to make deregulation more relevant to the citizen. Proposals aimed at achieving this would be included in the Tory manifesto.

### IN PARLIAMENT

TODAY in the Commons, defence questions; Prime Minister's questions; Finance Bill, remaining stages; backbench debate on Unlawful School and Community Administration (Fraud) Bill, committee; Contract (Scotland) Bill, second reading; Scottish Legal Services Ombudsman and Scotland Bill, second reading; plus various Scottish orders and regulations.

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# Pakistani court backs bride who defied father

By Christopher Thomas, South Asia Correspondent, and Zahid Hussein in Karachi

THE year-long ordeal of a young Pakistani couple, who married in defiance of objections from the bride's parents, ended yesterday when Lahore High Court declared their marriage legal and valid. Islamic hardliners attacked the ruling as an assault on the traditional male-dominated family, the bedrock of Pakistani culture.

"Marriage without the consent of a wali [guardian] is not invalid," Judge Ehsan ul-Haq Chaudhry told the court. The three-member bench split two to one in the decision to uphold the marriage of Saima Waheed, 22, to Arshad Ahmad, a lecturer in English at a government college. The case could lead to an intensified legal struggle to assert secular laws over Islamic ones.

"It is the most wonderful day of my life," Mr Ahmad said as he left the court. "We have gone through a great ordeal. But now I can join hands with my wife once again. I am extremely happy."

Ms Waheed will be allowed to leave a women's shelter

where she has been kept under court orders for 11 months. She chose to stay in the hostel rather than return to live with her parents after her husband was arrested under Islamic law for entering into unlawful marriage.

Her father, Hafiz Abdul Waheed, a rich businessman, who brought the case against her under Islamic law, left the court quietly after the ruling with fellow members of the

the women of Pakistan," she said. "Ultimately the courts will have to decide on the interpretation of Islam. I believe they will have to support an interpretation which supports fundamental rights."

Mrs Jehangir denied that the ruling threatened the traditional family. "You have to move with the times, you cannot close your eyes to the fact that romances do happen."

**'You cannot close your eyes to the fact that romances do happen. Pakistan is no exception to that'**

militant Sunni Ahle Hadith organisation. "There's no use in talking now," he said.

Asma Jehangir, chairwoman of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and also Ms Waheed's lawyer, declared the ruling a victory for Pakistani women who suffered, she said, under a repressive social system. "It is a historic decision for

Pakistan is no exception to that."

The case could go to the Supreme Court on appeal. The ruling does not finally settle the issue of a woman's right to choose her husband because of conflicting interpretations of Islamic marriage laws by different judges.

Another Lahore High Court bench ruled last September

that the marriages of two young women who chose husbands against the wishes of their parents were illegal. The men were ordered to stand trial for adultery, a crime which can carry a penalty of stoning or flogging.

The latest judgment is likely to evoke a strong reaction from conservative Islamists, who believe that allowing a woman to choose her own spouse is an anti-religious ploy by liberal and secular Muslims. While the case was being heard, conservative elements thronged the court to put pressure on the judges and counsel for the couple.

Earlier this year an armed group ransacked Mrs Jehangir's house in Lahore and threatened reprisals if she did not drop the case. Most Pakistani marriages are arranged, and few young women would consider marrying a man not approved by their parents.

Women's activists said that the timing of Ms Waheed's departure from the hostel would depend on security considerations.



Saima Waheed, right, and her lawyer, Asma Jehangir, after yesterday's decision

## Worry at growing number of Chinese

From Jonathan Mirsky in Hong Kong

CHINA'S senior leaders met at the weekend to discuss the country's population which could reach 1.3 billion within three years.

Although the growth rate fell slightly last year, China's population still rose by 12.68 million, a figure equivalent to three times the population of Norway or the entire population of Pennsylvania: 21 million Chinese babies were born last year, as many as the whole population of Romania. President Jiang Zemin, Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and four other members of the politburo standing committee which rules China, showed the depth of their concern by assembling a population forum.

President Jiang referred to the "heavy task" of attempting to contain China's population at 1.3 billion by the end of the century. He insisted that "existing policies", the core of the draconian one-child-per-family programme since 1949, be adhered to.

## Civilians flee Kisangani as rebels advance

From Sam Kiley in Kinshasa

THOUSANDS of civilians have fled Kisangani, Zaire's third largest city, in fear of chaos and looting by government troops as rebels tightened their noose on the strategic city and demanded face-to-face ceasefire negotiations with the Government.

Missionaries and aid workers in Kisangani said that thousands of people had fled the town on makeshift barges and in canoes. Military officers sent their families out of the city by plane as the rebels claimed to be closing in.

Both the army and the rebel alliance of Democratic Forces for Liberation of Congo-Zaire agree that the front line is now in an arc between 50 and 70 miles from Kisangani to the north, east and south. But a military spokesman in Kinshasa said this did not mean the city was surrounded.

Whatever the niceties of the military terminology, civilians appeared to be in no doubt that Kisangani would soon become the centre of the rebel storm, which has swept across the country as town after town has fallen to the guerrillas without significant resistance.

The imminent collapse of Kisangani to rebels who have been supported by English-speaking soldiers from Rwanda and Uganda, has sparked a wave of propaganda in France. Yesterday the daily *Liberation* alleged that Rwandan Hutus had been massacred by advancing Tutsis in a "second genocide" aimed at annihilating the Hutu tribe.

France sees the rebellion as a question of external aggression by Zaire's neighbours rather than an uprising against the rule of President Mobutu and has been anxious to portray the Rwandan Hutus, France's long-term ci-

ents, as the victims of a genocide which has gone unreported.

This had led to rivalry between Paris and Washington over the direction of peace talks. The European Union has fallen in line with the French view and has insisted that Laurent Kabila, the rebel leader, as a puppet of neighbouring powers, should not be invited to peace talks.

"The Americans recognise the realities on the ground. These are that, whoever supported Kabila when he started his uprising, he is now a national figure with a national following," said a West European ambassador in Kinshasa. "The French still see the problem as an international Anglophone conspiracy to take over Zaire," he added.

The *Liberation* article appeared to have been based on a report from unknown sources who claimed that large numbers of bodies had been dumped in mass graves in east Zaire after the Tutsi-led rebels advanced.

But after visiting Kisangani and Puna, then close to the front line last week, Jan Pronk, the Dutch Co-operation Minister, who has traveled widely in the region, said: "I have been dismayed by the reports of massacres behind the rebel lines. I have heard no real evidence of it and the loose use of the term 'genocide' demeans the tragedy of others."

France is becoming increasingly unpopular on the streets of Kinshasa as Mr Kabila's popularity has increased.

"If the French want to come here and save Mobutu and his cronies, I am prepared to die fighting them," said one local businessman in a smart suit, to cheers from onlookers.

## Arafat's deputy quits over pullout

From Christopher Walker in Jerusalem

THE Israeli-Palestinian peace process was plunged into crisis yesterday as the chief Palestinian negotiator, Mahmoud Abbas, handed in his resignation in protest at the unbending attitude of Benjamin Netanyahu's Government.

The deadlock arose after Israel's decision last week to hand back only 9 per cent more of the occupied West Bank instead of the 30 per cent expected by Palestinians in the first of three further military withdrawals due before the middle of next year.

Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, charged that the Israeli decision was "a trick and a conspiracy against the peace process". Mr Arafat added: "There is a real crisis, because there is a clear breach of what had been agreed upon."

Palestinian officials confirmed that Mr Arafat had received the resignation of Mr Abbas, his deputy, better



Abbas: angered by "unbending" Israel

known as Abu Mazen, but did not say whether it had been accepted. Other members of Mr Arafat's autonomy council have also threatened to quit.

Tensions rose last month when Israel decided to build a settlement suburb for 32,000 Jews at Har Homa in occupied Arab east Jerusalem.

Yesterday Mr Netanyahu assured right-wing members of his coalition that work at the site would begin next week, despite international protests.

The Israeli Prime Minister was unmoved by the Palestinian anger at the extent of the pullback, which Israel has declared will not take place at all unless the Palestinians agree to it.

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## 'Eyelid' writer dies after triumph

FROM BEN MACINTYRE  
IN PARIS

A PARALYSED French journalist, who wrote a 130-page book using only his left eyelid, has died four days after his work was published to massive acclaim.

Jean-Dominique Bauby, former editor of *Elle* magazine, suffered a massive stroke on December 8, 1995, which left him mute and able to move only one eye in a neurological condition known as "Locked-in Syndrome". His brain was unaffected, however, and over the ensuing months he gradually "dictated" *Le Scaphandre et le Papillon* (The Diving Suit and the Butterfly) by spelling out the book with winks, one letter at a time.

The book was published last Thursday by Robert Laffont and sold its entire initial print-run of 25,000 copies in one day.

At the weekend M. Bauby, 45, was moved from a hospital in Berck-sur-Mer in northern France to one in Paris, where he died on Sunday night. The cause of death was not immediately known. Friends said that the task of finishing his book may have kept M. Bauby alive. The work is due to be published in English later this year.

At the time of his death, M. Bauby planned to set up an association for sufferers of "Locked-in Syndrome", with a magazine which he planned to edit. In the autobiographical book, M. Bauby compared his condition to being trapped in an antique diving suit and explored his reactions to his illness with irony and no trace of self-pity.

His advice to his readers was both written, and delivered, with a wink: "Don't be consumed by your own restlessness. Immobility is also a source of pleasure."

## Miners lay siege to Kohl's office in cutback protest

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THOUSANDS of angry German coalminers yesterday laid siege to Bonn, pelting politicians with eggs and bread, blocking access roads and a key stretch of autobahn, as well as occupying town halls in the industrial Ruhr district.

The protest was aimed at a radical government programme which seeks to slash 50,000 mining jobs and close ten pits over the next seven years. The cut in subsidies is intended to keep Germany on course for the public-sector and monetary union. But the protests also show how quickly civil disobedience — so obvious in the week-long protests against nuclear power in Lower Saxony — is moving from one part of the economy to another.

About 20,000 miners were on the march yesterday. In Bonn, 3,000 arrived in motor-cycle convoys, cars and vans to set up pickets outside the headquarters of the Christian Democrat and Free Democrat coalition parties. The workers in safety helmets and overalls blew whistles, sounded hooters and banged drums. In front of the paralysed chancellor's office, Helmut Kohl they bellowed: "Come out, Helmut, you coward!" Some formed a human chain across the main road through Bonn blocking most of their political business of the day.

Throughout Germany 18 pits have been at a standstill since Friday and more are

expected to follow this week. Some of the strongest action has not been authorised by the union leadership and this readiness to take wildcat action is also a sign of the growing industrial ferment.

In the Saarland, coalminers blocked the principal autobahn connection with Luxembourg; traffic jams trailed dozens of miles for much of the day. In at least two Ruhr communities the miners have been sitting in and blocking business in town halls.

The coal protest could lead to more than street theatre. The left-of-centre faction of the Christian Democratic Union is clearly uncomfortable with the pit closure plan and there are frictions between this fac-

tion and the subsidy cutters in the junior government partner, the Free Democrats. Much of the coalminers' venom yesterday was directed at the Free Democrats.

The opposition Social Democrats have used the coal plan as an excuse to break off talks with the Government about how to ease tax reforms through parliament. Herr Kohl needs the co-operation of the Social Democrats because they control the upper house of parliament.

Wolfgang Clement, the Social Democrat Economics Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia, yesterday urged the Government to cut subsidies across the board — including the heavily padded agriculture sector — and not concentrate merely on mining.

Social Democrats, who control the Ruhr, are presenting themselves as the party committed to saving jobs. At a time of record unemployment — 4.7 million last month — this is beginning to have an impact on the Social Democrats' standing in the opinion polls. Commentators also believe that it may prod the Social Democrats into an election campaign urging delay of EMU to focus more on job creation.

A delegation of coalminers is due to see the Chancellor today — before the new British Ambassador, Christopher Meyer, pays his inaugural visit to the German leader — and the Social Democrats say their co-operation will depend on the outcome of the talks.

### Renault gears up for mass rally

Paris: Renault, the French carmaker, was preparing to face a huge protest today which unions hope will draw 10,000 people as controversy continues over the planned closure of a factory in Belgium. Workers from France, Belgium and Spain have been called on to descend on the company's headquarters to denounce the decision to close the plant at Vilvoorde near Brussels, with the loss of 3,100 jobs. Staff of the doomed assembly plant last night decided to tighten their occupation of the premises which began a week ago. (AFP)

## German beef 'safe' after BSE cow's origin traced to Scotland

By ROGER BOYES

GERMAN authorities yesterday identified their latest, most controversial case of BSE as the imported British cow, Scottish Queen, and blamed British livestock dealers for spreading the disease.

Bonn, determined to reassure anxious German consumers, has been trying over the past month to pin down the origin of the cow. The junior Agriculture Minister, Franz Josef Feiler, told reporters: "This case shows that there has not been a case

of BSE originating in Germany." There have only been five registered cases of so-called mad cow disease in Germany and, for four of them, it could clearly be shown that the animals had been imported from Britain. The fifth — now known to be Scottish Queen — was a Galloway which, according to documents, was born in Germany. That sent tremors through the already nervous German domestic market and led several importers of German beef to cancel their orders.

Bonn now claims that Germans

can eat steaks again without fear. With the help of information from the British Ministry of Agriculture, German investigators discovered that the suspect cow came from a BSE-free herd and was auctioned in Castle Douglas. It was bought by a Sussex dealer and became part of a herd of 47 animals. The cow was sold again, sent to Hull and then Germany.

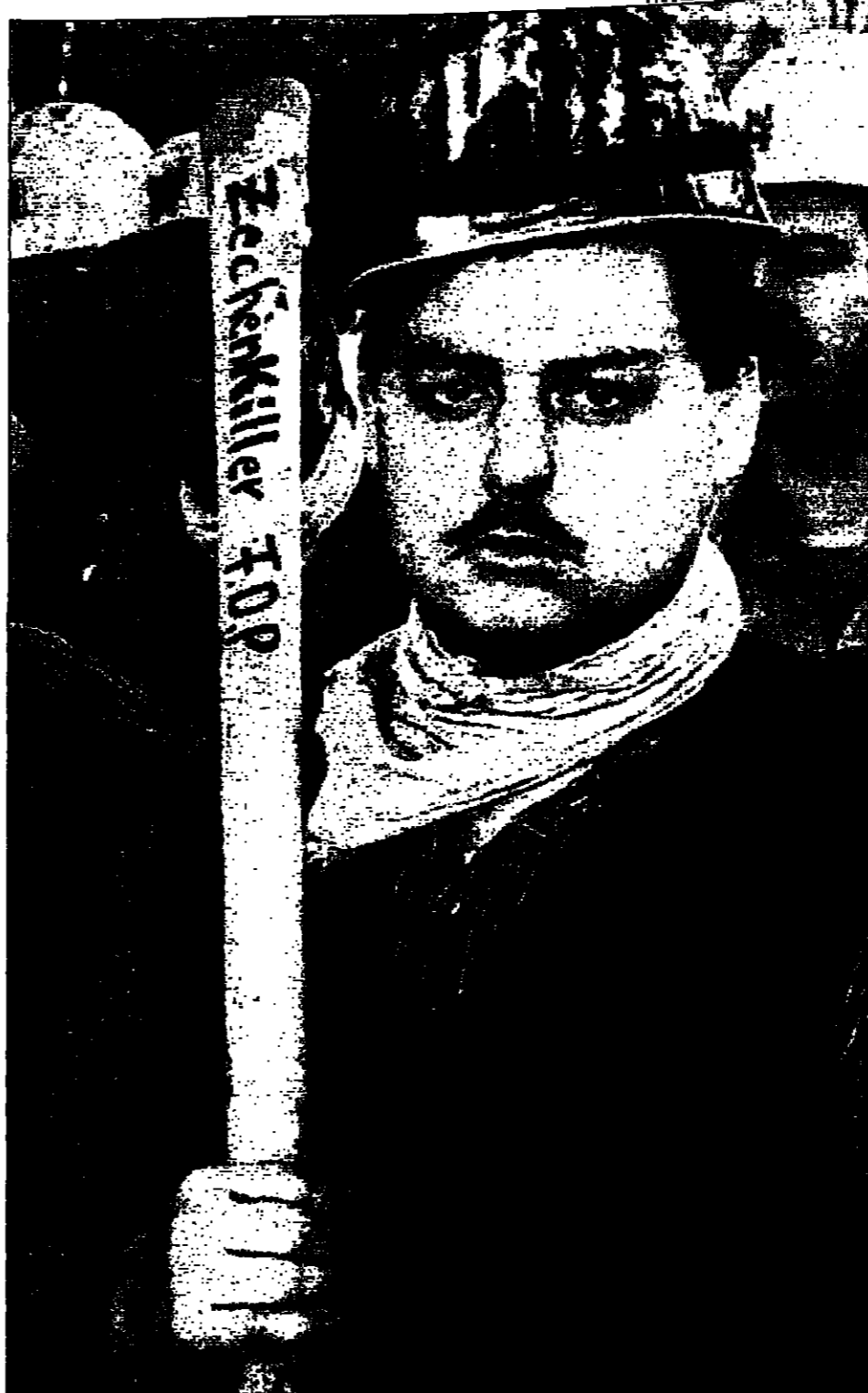
"We have deduced that the cow was fed with contaminated fodder," said the Agriculture Minister of Mecklenburg, Martin Brick. "Perhaps the point was to give it a shirder

hide, to make it more sellable." Herr Feiler said the case showed that "imported animals carry a risk because one doesn't know what they've been fed in transit".

Queenie, the daughter of Scottish Queen, has already been slaughtered and the slaughter programme of directly imported cattle from Britain and Switzerland is still under way. The offspring of these cattle, however, are governed by a slaughter ban and are being kept under observation. It now seems unlikely, in view of the diseased cow's Scottish and not

German origin, that Bonn will follow the recommendations of the Health Ministry and wipe out more than £20,000 worth of cattle, culling the first and second generations of imported British and Swiss cows.

Brussels: The European Commission is to press member states to tighten up their checks on mad cow disease (Charles Bremner writes). The move follows a damning report by EU inspectors, who found negligence and slipshod methods when visiting all EU states except Britain and Portugal.



A miner brandishes an axe-handle with the message "Coalmine killer FDP"

## Rifkind urges US to back Nato plan

FROM BRONWEN MADDOCK  
IN WASHINGTON

MALCOLM Rifkind yesterday warned members of the US Congress that failure to enlarge Nato would lead to instability in Europe.

The Foreign Secretary also said that the cost to America of plans to bring Central European countries into the North Atlantic security umbrella would be no more than \$200 million (£125 million) a year, out of a current annual defence budget of \$260 billion. For the current European members, it would cost no more than 0.5 per cent of their annual defence budgets.

Mr Rifkind put Nato enlargement at the top of his agenda for a one-day visit to Washington to meet Madeleine Albright, the Secretary of State, and William Cohen, the Defence Secretary. Britain is concerned that, while the Clinton Administration firmly backs the principle of Nato expansion, three distinct strands of opposition have recently emerged in Congress and among commentators.

One congressional accusation is that the US is going too far to accommodate the concerns of Russia. Another, articulated most prominently by George Kennan, former US ambassador to Moscow, is that Nato enlargement will inflame the nationalist, anti-Western tendencies in Russia. The third is that, with the end of the Cold War, the US need not concern itself with European security.

The Clinton Administration needs to win congressional approval for enlargement as the plan requires a change to the Washington Treaty which established Nato.

Mr Rifkind argued that failure to press ahead with enlargement would jeopardise stability in Europe. In a speech to the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, he said that "the countries of Central Europe would conclude that they remained in Russia's sphere of influence" and would make their own security arrangements. "Local and regional alliances would spring up, in a frightening facsimile of pre-Second World War Europe," he said.

The Madrid summit in July will announce the first candidates for membership. But Mr Rifkind said: "Countries which are not invited to join at Madrid are not going to have the door closed on them."

Moscow: Russian and Nato officials said yesterday that some progress had been made during talks in Moscow between Javier Solana, the Nato Secretary-General, and Yevgeny Primakov, the Foreign Minister, over Moscow's objections to plans by the alliance to admit former Soviet satellite countries.

## Surgeon 'killed gored bullfighter'

Madrid: Spanish bullfighting aficionados were in a state of emotional ferment yesterday after the disclosure that Manuel Rodríguez Sánchez, arguably the bullfighter of the century, would almost certainly have survived the goring that killed him 50 years ago had it not been for a blunder by the doctor who treated him

(Tunku Varadarajan writes). Rodríguez, known simply as Manolete, died on August 28, 1947, in Linares, aged only 30 and at the peak of his powers. Manolete's career ended when a bull called Islero, weighing more than 1,000 lb, gored him in the chest. Yet according to Fabián Garrido, the son of one of the local

doctors who attended to him, Rodríguez's wounds, "although impressive, should not have proved mortal". He claims a surgeon insisted on injecting Manolete with plasma that had passed its expiry date. The bullfighter, "who needed only to be bandaged", suffered a fatal haemorrhage seconds after the injection.



Landzo: faces life term if he is found guilty

## Muslims go on trial over war crimes

THE first Muslims to be accused of atrocities against Bosnian Serbs went on trial in The Hague yesterday in the first group war crimes trial since the hearings at Nuremberg and Tokyo after the Second World War (Ben Macintyre writes).

In the latest case before the UN international war crimes tribunal, three Muslims and one Croat are accused of a litany of brutality, including murder, rape and torture, against Bosnian Serbs at the Celebici camp in central Bosnia during 1992.

The authorities in both Pale and Belgrade have accused the tribunal of pro-Muslim bias, and the trial is being seen by Bosnian Serbs as an opportunity to show that other ethnic groups were also responsible for savage cruelty during the Bosnian conflict.

Muslims Zejnil Delalic, Hazim Delic and Esad Landzo, and Croat Zdravko Mucic, yesterday all pleaded not guilty. They face life imprisonment if convicted, and are the highest-ranking defendants to be tried so far.

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## Berisha's offer of deal serves only to fuel rebel fury

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN TEPELENE, SOUTHERN ALBANIA

PRESIDENT BERISHA'S attempts to quell the armed insurrection in southern Albania appeared in ruins yesterday as rebels decisively rejected his offer for political concessions and attempts to create an interim government.

Within hours of a televised announcement on Saturday afternoon, in which the President said he would set up an interim national unity government pending elections and grant amnesty to rebels in return for the handing in of captured weapons, two new towns in the south, Berat and Permet, had fallen to local uprisings.

Rebel commanders throughout the region said the concessions did not go far enough, and reiterated their demand for Mr Berisha's immediate resignation. "We have one resolution — the

resignation of the President," said Dashamir Kamberi, leader of the insurgents in Tepelene. "All of the captured arms are under our control and we shall not contemplate giving them back until Berisha and his henchmen go."

If anything, Mr Berisha's apparent climbdown only made matters worse. Rebels in Gjirokastra seemed to be enraged by his offer, and bullets from their indignant salvos rained down the cobbled streets in new abundance. Crowds burnt down the police stations in Permet and Berat, seizing even more weapons from an armoury in the latter town. Five people were killed in Permet in an attack by government soldiers.

Mr Berisha's problems in dealing with the rebels are manifold, and they are not

helped by the incompetence of his Government. In less than a week an impoverished, un-armed and tightly controlled people have become better equipped than the Bosnian Army ever was and has taken over a third of Albania almost without a fight.

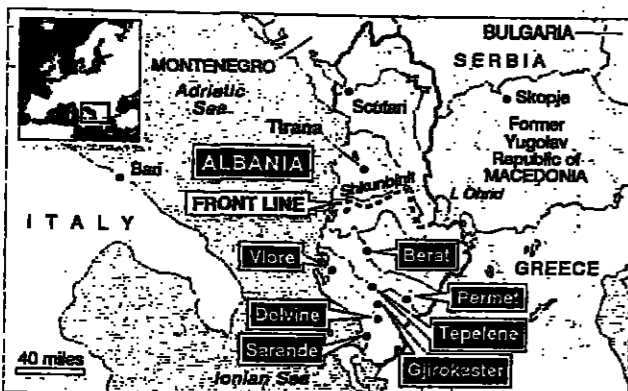
The President's most recent failure to interest the rebels in compromise stems from the three-tiered nature of the Opposition he faces. He offered his concessions to opposition politicians in Tirana. These politicians are not representative of the rebels, whose allegiance is primarily geared to achieving the President's downfall, and Mr Berisha has not yet offered his resignation.

The opposition parties can do whatever they wish, but the rebels' wishes are different," said Colonel Khevat Kocin, the rebel frontman in Sarande. "This is not a revolt connected to those opposition parties, it is a popular revolution for reasons different to their political agendas."

The rebels themselves are divided. Men like the retired Colonel Kocin are urbane figureheads who talk of restraint and tolerance, much as did Sarajevo's intellectuals at the start of the Bosnian war. How much influence they and their "committee" really have over the teenage gangs who possess the firepower of a



An anti-Berisha protester shows a three-fingered victory sign yesterday in the southern town of Vlore, which is in the forefront of unrest



small army remains to be seen. "Look at me. I'm the leader here and I don't even have a gun," said the grandfaterly Colonel Kocin, opening his coat to expose a pistol-less belt. Everyone else here has a weapon of some sort. Even ten-year-olds have traded in their catapults for Kalashnikovs, heavy machineguns and anti-tank rockets. Each town has its own

agenda and own army. In Gjirokastra, more than 60 T33 tanks were captured from the Government on Saturday. Their officers and crews, local men, defected to the rebels. "We're administering the armour under the command of the Gjirokastra committee," said Colonel Jusuf Gëpuni proudly. "What we do with them is down to the people."

Every self-respecting Kalashnikov gunman the world over can name his allegiance — PLO, IRA, HVO, BiH. Not the Albanian rebels, though. Yet they are armed and furious. It is a curious kind of peasant revolt in reverse — the arms have come before the agenda, as if proletarian Lloyd's investors took control of the army and then began to think about policy.

President Berisha has no other option but to resign. But even that would not solve Albania's problems. As each day passes, the tiny nation grows closer to becoming a European Somalia.

"I don't know whether Berisha will resign or not," said one elderly man in Sarande, as he tried to arrange safe passage for himself and his family on a fishing boat to Corfu. "The last six days mean we shall be in armed turmoil for the next six years. I am not waiting here to see that."

## Anarchy and mayhem make themselves at home in the Hotel California

FROM TOM WALKER IN BERAT

ANARCHY overtook this ancient town on the edge of the southern mountains yesterday as Albania's descent into chaos spread inexorably north.

Stolen cars skidded around the central square in front of the Hotel California, youths leaning out of the back windows firing streams of bullets over their heads.

"The people were killing themselves in a big festival," explained

Elena Goga, president of the Alba Travel Agency in the centre of Berat. "Don't worry, no foreign people are dying here, it is not the tradition."

The only hardy soul braving the deserted streets was a European Union monitor, in pristine white. "I'm afraid it reminds me of Bosnia six years ago. Europe must act fast to save this country," said Hans Dietrich Gauglitz, a former German officer.

Berat's fall is a crushing blow for President Berisha, who now faces

an almost impossible task in uniting his country. A new front line has opened up, with what is left of the Albanian Army now pinned just south of the River Shkumbini, which runs from Lake Ohrid west to the Adriatic. Albanians regard this as the natural boundary between North and South, and this is where the army looks set to make its last stand.

For Mrs Goga, the influx of journalists wishing to witness her town's descent into madness was a welcome surprise. "Thank you for

coming. Do not blame our President, he is a man of good heart, but he has been badly advised," she said.

Berat's fate was inevitable when the underground arms factory at Polican, just south of the town, fell on Sunday night. Within 12 hours its stocks of automatic weapons and ammunition had been plundered. A doctor in the town said at least one person had been killed and 20 injured in the orgy of shouting that followed.

"I have brought many tourists

here before, but I do not think this is a good time," said Mrs Goga, a diminutive force of sense and order amid the civil strife all around.

Who now runs Berat was by no means clear. The secret police, Shik, insisted they were still in charge, but 50 yards down the street a new "Emergency Council of Berat" had convened in the city hall.

"Absolutely nothing has changed," said Caimir Hamidi, the Shik chief of commissariat. "We now have the young people back

under control. We are depoliticised. We take our orders from Tirana."

But in the city hall, Flamur Ruga, the Socialist representative, said that Fatos Nano, the former Prime Minister, must be released from prison in the capital before any negotiations involving rebel-held towns can be started.

Gangs of youths manned road blocks at one-mile intervals out of the town, and the light was fading

fast as Mrs Goga waved a hasty goodbye. "You must use velocity," she said. "But please remember to tell Europe about our problems."

It now seems almost inevitable that Albania's civil disturbances will spread across the fertile plain and northwards to the hinterland of Tirana. Mr Berisha's pleas for peace and understanding while a government of national unity is negotiated have fallen on deaf ears.

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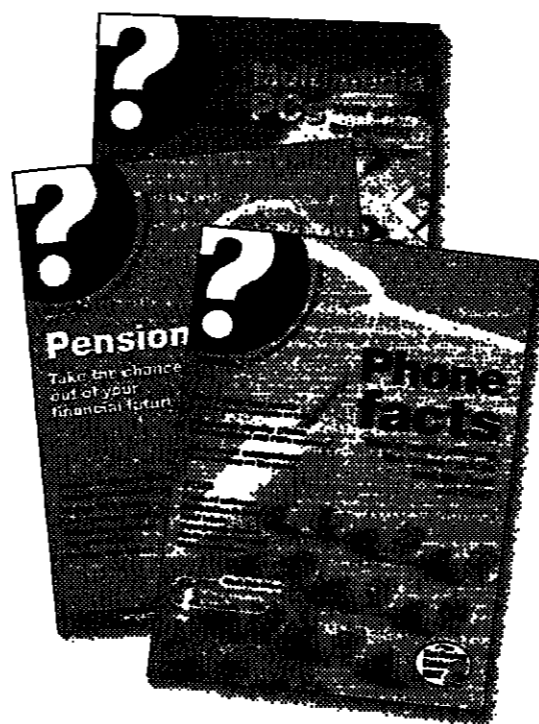
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The many faces of Quasimodo, Victor Hugo's hunchback: Lon Chaney in Wallace Worsley's silent film; Charles Laughton in an acclaimed remake; yet again with Anthony Quinn; and Disney's animation

## Hugo family condemns Disney 'Hunchback'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE  
IN PARIS

DESCENDANTS of the great French writer Victor Hugo have condemned Walt Disney's cartoon film *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* as a "scandalous and obscene" commercial exploitation of their ancestor's celebrated work.

In an open letter to *Libération* newspaper, Charles, Adèle, Jeanne, Sophie and Léopoldine Hugo, the great-great-grandchildren of the 19th-century author,

called for a "halt to the Disney pillage".

"The story used in this film is borrowed from the work of Victor Hugo, but his name is not even mentioned on the posters that cover the planet... in this commercial debauchery every sort of 'product' has been sold in connection with the film: models of the Walt Disney figures, books, cartoons, CDs, video games, fluffy toys," they wrote. "We find this bazaar scandalous and obscene."

To the distress of France's cultural guardians, the Disney cartoon, loosely based on Hugo's *Notre-Dame de Paris*, has proved a box office hit since it opened here last November. More than six million people have seen the film in France, while the Disney merchandising has earned millions more.

"Is it right that a multinational enterprise should make billions for itself out of a story which it did not create and which legally and morally belongs to the general cultural heritage?" the Hugos wrote. For many within France's

cultural elite, the Disney film is merely the latest evidence of the creeping Americanisation of French culture.

The writer's descendants noted that, while Disney's cuddly and politically corrected "Hunchback" is being used to sell McDonald's hamburgers, Vermeer's portrait of a milkmaid is promoting milk products and Ravel's *Bohème* has become the theme music for a French insurance company.

"Shouldn't the cultural authorities in our country react against

this commercial pillaging of the heritage and remember that the universality of genius is a very different thing from this vulgar commercialisation by unscrupulous salesmen?" the writer's descendants asked.

French intellectuals were initially scandalised by Disney's plan to adapt Hugo's literary masterpiece, particularly when the company asked to launch the film at the great cathedral itself. But the critical response to the film was muted, with many claiming to see parallels

between the story, in which the gypsy Esmeralda at one point seeks asylum in the cathedral, and France's immigration problems.

Even though the Disney characters bear almost no relation to the original, sales of works by Victor Hugo have increased since the film was released. Tourism at the 13th-century cathedral is at an all-time high, although rather fewer people have taken the time to visit an exhibition of Hugo's sketches of medieval Paris at his house in the Marais district. Travel companies

are now offering five-day "Hunchback" tours of Paris.

Hugo's epic novel is a far cry from the trite sentiments and plastic figures of its newest incarnation, but the writer would probably have viewed France's Disney Hunchback-mania with a philosophical eye.

In his own words: "A stand can be made against invasion by an army; no stand can be made against invasion by an idea."

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## Cargo planes fly US tourists to sun

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

IF HOLIDAY charter flight passengers in the past felt they were treated like freight, that experience is now reality in America.

The courier delivery company United Parcel Service (UPS) is transforming some of its 197 cargo planes into weekend passenger aircraft. Using innovative, lock-in-place modules, the interiors of five of the mail delivery company's Boeing 727s are being equipped with comfortably lined tourist cabins, complete

with temporary seats, galleys and grinning stewards.

The Boeings were built as quick-change aircraft, capable of being altered in three hours. Complete sections of passenger cabin are rolled into the empty cargo hold before being bolted to the floor. Once communications, oxygen and electricity are connected (the 727s have permanent lavatories and the usual number of windows), the aircraft is ready for boarding. The UPS planes will be used to ferry American

holidaymakers from numerous cities to tourist destinations such as Florida, Mexico and the Caribbean.

The transformation took a Pittsburgh air traffic controller by surprise last weekend. Cindy Read, a UPS spokesman, said: "The pilot asked to be directed to a passenger gate, but the air traffic control guy insisted on diverting him to the cargo bay. He couldn't comprehend that we had passengers on board."

Weekends are slow times for

parcel companies and the quick-change aircraft allow for more efficient use of the UPS fleet, the company said. The UPS planes are said to be more comfortable than normal passenger Boeing 727s. The altered aircraft have 113 seats, compared with the 125 on commercial airline 727s.

On Sunday evenings, after disgorging the last of their homeward-bound holidaymakers, the planes return to the hangars and are turned back into freighters.

### WORLD SUMMARY

## Hands off textbooks, China told

Hong Kong: Chris Patten, the Governor, last night told Beijing to keep its hands off school textbooks after the transfer of sovereignty in July (Jonathan Mirsky writes).

Mr Patten was responding to a statement by Qian Qichen, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, that some colony textbooks "do not accord with history or reality, are not suited to the changes after 1997, contradict the spirit of 'one country two systems'... and must be revised".

### Third man hunt

Washington: The FBI is reported to be hunting a third man over the Oklahoma City bombing which killed 168 people — only weeks before the trial of Timothy McVeigh opens in Denver (Tom Rhodes writes). They believe Robert Jacques, who appeared to be "in charge" when seen with Mr McVeigh months before the blast, is in hiding.

### Korea rethink

Seoul: South Korea's parliament passed a new labour Bill to replace a law that sparked almost a month of strikes. The ruling New Korea Party, bowing to pressure from home and abroad, agreed in the revised legislation to delay for two years implementation of a controversial clause making it easier for companies to lay off workers. (Reuters)

### Libyan link

Rome: The Vatican established full diplomatic relations with Libya, in a move that put it at odds with America and other countries trying to isolate Colonel Muammar Gaddafi. Ambassador-level ties were forged despite months of lobbying by the US. The Vatican cited "positive results" in Libya in the area of religious freedom. (Reuters)

### Spirited away

Suva: Looters, some using a stolen coffin to float away their ill-gotten goods, have raided scores of cyclone-damaged shops in Fiji. Cyclone Gavin, which hit Fiji last week, killed four people, left 16 seamen missing and caused widespread flooding. (Reuters)

## Second star is shot dead in America's war of rappers

BY QUENTIN LETTS

AMERICA'S rap musicians are in a state of high anxiety after a second of their number was shot dead in a Mafia-style assassination.

Christopher Wallace, an overweight tough who turned to rap after an earlier career dealing drugs in Brooklyn, died in Los Angeles when his car was hit by numerous bullets at the weekend.

Wallace, who took the stage names Notorious B.I.G. and Biggie Smalls, was killed in much the same way as his arch-rival, Tupac Shakur, who died after a roadside shooting in Las Vegas last September. Wallace and his East Coast cronies had in recent months threatened the commercial supremacy of Shakur and Marion "Suge" Knight, the bulky head of Death Row Records.

An East-West rappers' "war" developed, and with the two stars now dead, people are

waiting to see who is next to be shot. One man feeling distinctly at risk is Wallace's associate and record label boss, Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs, whose Bad Boy Entertainment Group has sold more than 12 million records. The 26-year-old Combs was with Wallace on the night of the shooting.



Wallace: his car was raked with bullets

He has since vanished. The deaths of Shakur and Wallace have forced official America to peer into the world of the leading rappers, who have made millions and surround themselves with armed heavies. When bullets start flying on Main Street, the authorities can no longer ignore a world which they have been reluctant to intrude on, perhaps partly out of sensitivity to its minority status.

With its firearms, bodyguards, nicknames and its disdain for the law, however, big-time rap has now gone beyond fringe interest. When singers surround themselves with Uzis and, as Knight did, take part in hotel lobby beatings of rival gang members, they stop resembling entertainers and start to look plain scary. Police have had little success so far investigating the two killings, encountering instead a wall of silence.

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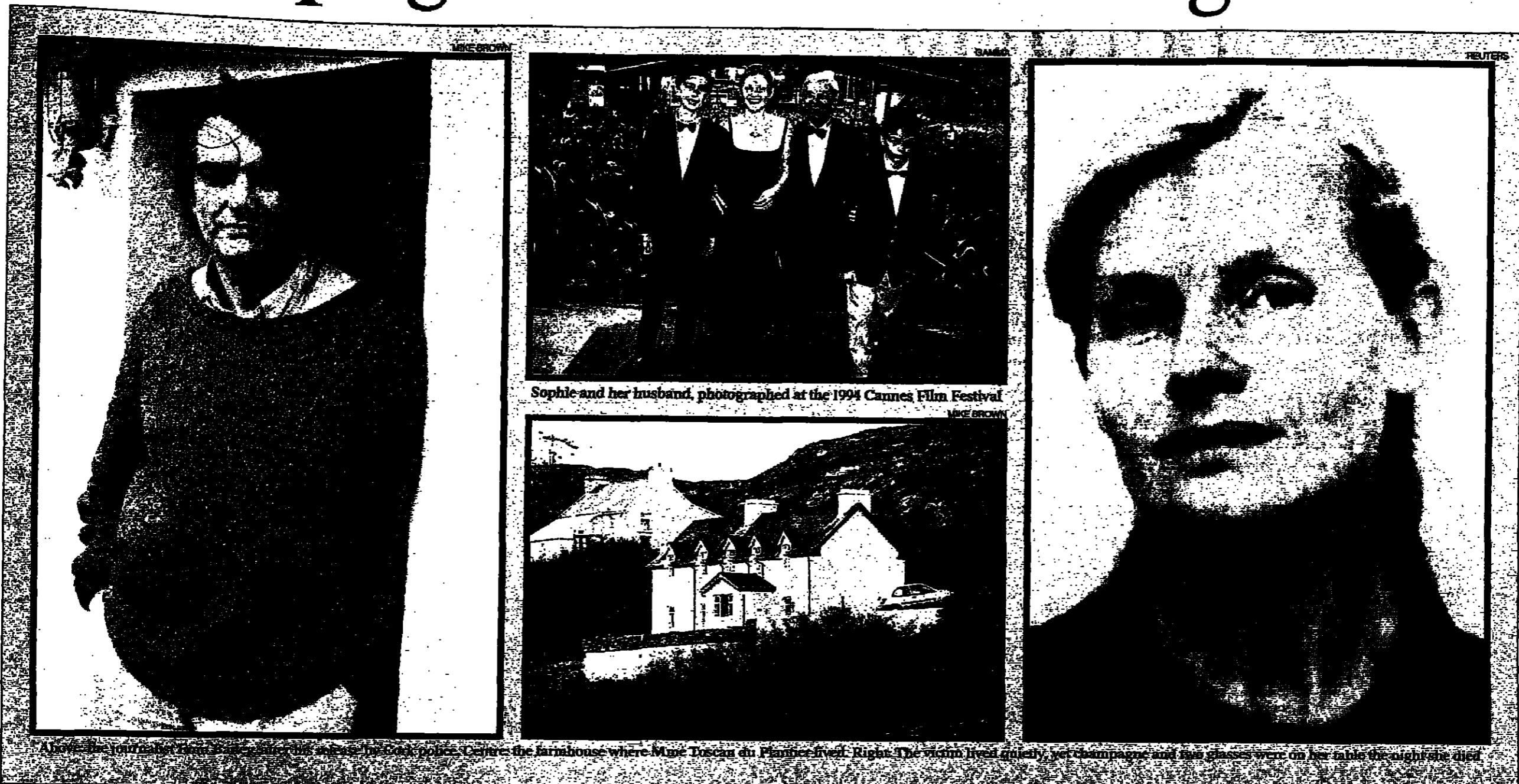
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# Murder, and the mystery of chilled champagne and two clean glasses



Above: the journalist who brought the case to the police. Centre: the farmhouse where Mme. Toscan du Plantier lived. Right: The victim lived quietly, yet champagne and two clean glasses were on her table the night she died

Seclusion and rugged beauty brought Sophie Toscan du Plantier to a tip of the West Cork coastline and a farmhouse abandoned 150 years earlier during the Great Famine. It was love at first sight, but a love which was to cost the French television producer her life.

Two days before Christmas, Mme du Plantier's body was discovered by a neighbour inside the gateway to her house overlooking Dunmanus Bay. She had been repeatedly struck from behind with a blunt instrument before the killer crushed her skull by dropping a large rock on her several times.

The murder of 38-year-old Mme du Plantier, the estranged wife of a French film magnate, has devastated her family and traumatised those in the remote community to which she moved six years ago. Irish police privately admit they are "a long way" from an arrest.

Chief Superintendent Noel Smith, leading the inquiry, acknowledges that the killing has shattered the rural tranquillity which attracted so many refugees from city life to his corner of Cork. What reassurance can he offer to other local celebrity experts — who include Jeremy Irons, Margaret Jay, Victoria Glendinning and David



**The brutal killing of Frenchwoman Sophie Toscan du Plantier has brought fear to a remote Irish community. Bill Frost reports**

Putnam — while a murderer is still at large?

Early last month, Smith thought his detectives were on the verge of a breakthrough with the arrest of Eoin Bailey, a freelance journalist from Gloucester who had settled in Cork. The reporter, released without charge after 12 hours of questioning, was briefly cast as a suspect in a week of media speculation.

Mr Bailey, 40, is furious about his treatment at the hands of both the press and police.

A local stringer for the *Cork Examiner*, he was the first journalist on the scene after a tip-off. His arrival at the farmhouse was said to have been regarded as "suspiciously prompt" by police.

Mr Bailey, who strenuously denies killing Mme du Plantier, had before his arrest

been the source of much detailed reporting of the murder. During house-to-house inquiries, police also noticed that he had scratches on his face and arms. His explanation, that he suffered the cuts while killing three turkeys and cutting down a Christmas tree, has been corroborated by the woman with whom he lives.

At the journalist's home two miles from the farmhouse, there is no welcome for unexpected callers. Mr Bailey, unshaven and looking tired, speaks angrily of his questioning by the police between drags on a roll-up cigarette.

"I just want to be left alone to get on with my life. They released me because there was no evidence — this business is now in the hands of my solicitor," he says.

The 6ft 4in journalist's career in Britain peaked in the mid-1980s with a series of articles about the GCHQ spy centre in Cheltenham. He is remembered by colleagues at the time as "a man with an eye for the ladies and a nose for a good story".

Jules Thomas, the Welsh artist he lives with now, is fiercely protective of Mr Bailey. She glowers before launching a short but blistering attack on the police investigation.

Ms Thomas, who is Mr Bailey's alibi for the night of the murder, was taken in and questioned for six hours by detectives. "They said that if I didn't make a statement, I would go down. They even tried to make me look at photographs of the murdered woman. I refused. I insisted that what I was saying was the truth — that I was with Eoin that night, that I was not sheltering him. Why won't they look in France? ... there is a French connection here."

However, Chief Superintendent Smith insists that the "French connection" — a report that Mme du Plantier had been threatened by a "Breton writer" shortly before she was battered to death — has been thoroughly examined. "We haven't been able to authenticate the story," he says firmly.

Daniel du Plantier, the dead woman's husband, has been quoted in the Paris press as saying that he "can no longer live without Sophie". The chairman of a company which promotes French films worldwide, he separated from his wife some months ago, although a reconciliation was thought to be imminent. A spokeswoman at his offices in Paris said he was not willing to discuss the murder.

Any accusation of promiscuity against the victim or suggestion of "mystery lovers" at the farmhouse is greeted with angry denials by those who knew her in Dunmanus Bay, such as her housekeeper, Mrs Josie Hellen. "She was a quiet, sensitive soul who came here for privacy," she told friends when allegations about her employer's private life began appearing in the Irish press.

Among the last people to see Mme du Plantier alive was Angela O'Sullivan, a publican's wife with whom she shared a pot of tea and a chat on the Saturday before she died. She, too, is indignant at

rumours of a torrid affair: "I never saw her with a man in my life. The only other person to come with her was her son."

However, on the night she died, Mme du Plantier was perhaps expecting a visitor. An unopened bottle of champagne sat chilling on her kitchen table, with two clean glasses. There was also a half-burnt red candle.

Chief Superintendent

Smith refuses to speculate on whether Mme du Plantier might have been waiting to entertain her killer. "There are so many rumours already," he says.

His frustration is palpable. "We are some way from sending a file to the Director of Public Prosecutions. We can only hope that this person does not strike again before an arrest is made."

His words are small comfort to Mme du Plantier's family or to local people.

Paddy Sheehan, the MP, sums up a sense of violation: "It's been a nightmare. I still believe it could have been an outside job. This will certainly affect the atmosphere here."

His words ring true on Mizen Head, west of Dun-

manus Bay, where Mme du Plantier loved to walk and where the wind howls along the stunning coastline. A ruddy-faced old man with an ancient collie stops briefly to chat. He does not really want to talk about the murder. "It's as though we'd been robbed ... someone has taken away our peace," he says. "The outside world has caught up with the dream."

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The Biddles complained that in the use of the interviews they had given and in the treatment of their work, they had been treated unfairly. They said that prior assurances about the way their contribution to the programme would be used had not been honoured, that the balance of the programme had been weighted excessively against their view of Viking activity; that their contributions had been misrepresented and that the outcome of radio-carbon dating tests carried out on bones from the burial mound had been unfairly represented.

In partly upholding the complaint, the Commission did not find that the BBC had breached any prior assurances given to the Biddles, or that the way the programme dealt with the radio-carbon evidence was unfair. They did find unfairness in respect of the misrepresentation of some of the Biddles' contributions and that the balance of the programme was thereby affected.

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Joe Joseph on how the Royal Family are leading the way for divorced couples in the fashion to forgive

# Post-divorce peace

Just in time to save themselves from the tide of republicanism lapping at their ankles, the Royal Family have found a new purpose in life to complement their important historical role of owning even more palaces than the Sultan of Brunei.

The Windsors may be hopeless at it's a Knockout, and even worse at marriage, but they are beginning to prove themselves to be the sort of ex-spouses that other divorcees would die for. Whereas other separated couples regard a "post-divorce piece" as a sexual fling you have after the decree nisi comes through, the Queen's children have misheard the syndrome and assumed it to read "post-divorce peace". Having swapped the hurly-burly of the *chaise longue* for the deep, deep peace of the marital double bed, Charles, Anne and Andrew clearly see no reason to plunge themselves into a different type of hurly-burly in divorce.

Look at the photo of Prince William's confirmation in Windsor and the civil smiles exchanged between Diana and Charles. This is the picture Camilla will hate.

Compare this scene with the behaviour of the once ever-so-cool Bob and Paula Goldof. Police were called to Bob's Chelsea home at the weekend when a meeting with ex-wife Paula — who apparently had arrived to discuss their children — grew too fiery to handle.

Maybe the Queen's children, making a belated nod to *noblesse oblige* and realising that Britain's zooming divorce rate is among the greatest threats to the fabric of Mummy's society, have even been getting themselves unsuitably hitched over the years purely to show that behaving civilly after the divorce goes a long way to making life smoother for the children and the new spouses.

Diana may have learnt the benefits of post-divorce peace from her parents: her mother, Frances Shand-Kydd, was heard complaining over the weekend about her reputation as "The Bolter", the woman who abandoned her family for her lover Peter Shand-Kydd.

Mrs Shand-Kydd says that after her separation from Earl Spencer, Diana and her brother, Charles, stayed with her while the two elder sisters were at school. But "when

they went back to their father for Christmas, he refused to let them return to me and applied to the court for their permanent return."

This sounds more like the Geldofs: he seems to hate her even more strongly than he once hated Mondays, and she throws bricks through his window. She said of the incident, last summer: "I'd gone round to talk about Patsy's sore ear [Patsy is the daughter, not the dog], but you know how these domestic incidents can blow up. One minute you're talking about dividing the toaster and the next you find yourself frenziedly cutting one leg off all his trousers."

If Charles and Diana are proving

'One minute you're talking; the next you're cutting up his trousers'

that they can at last smile at each other when family circumstances bring them together, and if Anne and Mark Phillips remain cordial enough to take joint responsibility for their children, Fergie and Andrew have gone several steps better, with Sarah still referring to Andrew as her best friend and the Duke of York letting her move back into their former marital ranch in Berkshire.

They are so pally that either he is blind to her faults — financial opportunism that reminds you of those snake-oil salesmen who used to roam the American Wild West: the self-knowledge of a frying pan: attraction to such dubious, greedy, social-climbing phobias that you cannot help thinking that even a stale ham sandwich must be a smarter judge of character than Sarah, Ferguson — or the Yorks have scaled new peaks in post-divorce peace.

Perhaps the only couple to have climbed higher without the aid of

marriage-guidance sherpas was the late Kingsley Amis, who spent the last chapter of his life living under the same roof as his first wife Hilary — mother of Martin — and her current husband, Lord Kilmarnock. They all set up home together after Kingsley split from his second wife, Elizabeth Jane Howard.

Andrew Lloyd Webber is still chummy enough with his ex-wife Sarah Brightman to give her roles in his musicals, although in their case there are no children providing any glue to keep them attached.

Michael Aspel even went on holiday to Tuscany with his estranged wife, actress Lizzie Power, and their two sons last summer while the new woman in his life — Irene Clark, a blonde production assistant on *This Is Your Life* — stayed at home in London.

And while David Mellor, MP, wins few prizes for loyalty — even abandoning Fulham Football Club in favour of John Major's team, Chelsea — he has remained on calm enough terms with his ex-wife, Judith. Mellor now lives with Lady Cobham, who is also sailing through a sea of post-divorce peace with her ex, Lord Cobham: "My husband and I are in total mutual support."

But these are all relatively rare cases of post-divorce peace.

Prince Charles's favourite rocker, Phil Collins, has left behind two exes, Andrea and Jill, now that he has moved to Switzerland with his newest babe, Orianne Cerve, a Swiss heiress. How prickly was his separation from Andrea? So prickly that Collins issued an album about the collapse of their marriage, which included such phrases as "If you told me you were drowning, I would not lend a hand", from the song *In The Air Tonight*. "I believe he always saw me as his property," Andrea complains. "He felt he controlled me when we were married, and he still does."

When Collins later left Jill and their young daughter Lily, he informed the world about his impending divorce by fax. He faxed a copy of the press statement to his old home for Jill to read. It said: "In simple human terms, I am not in love with my partner any more."

Although she bore David Bowie a son called Zowie (who now prefers to be known as Joe), Angie



Closing the gap: a year ago it was war, but Charles and Diana were cheerful and relaxed in each other's company at William's confirmation

Bowie seems to be about as keen on her ex-husband as she would be to sit on a porcupine. Angie stage-managed David's flamboyant early career, but he rose so far, so fast that she began to fear that he was in danger of burning out. "I kept thinking, what's up with him? What is the matter with him? And sort of through the grapevine I would hear that he was doing a *laa-aa-hi* of cocaine, a *laa-aa-hi* of

this, and a *laa-aa-hi* of that. I was thinking, ugh, how gross, because it just wasn't my thing."

Angie Bowie doesn't speak these words. She hisses them. "It was a marriage of convenience. It was a marriage where it gave him a lot more strength to say he was bisexual and then be able to renege on it totally and say 'it was just promotion, it was just propaganda'. Just because you get to be

middle-aged, and scared, and you want to hang out with royalty, you suddenly say 'It was a lie. I never meant any of it'. I don't know about you, but it doesn't sit well with me. Worse thing you can do is become a middle-aged bore." And, of course, to get remarried to the Somali-born supermodel Iman. If you were looking for an example to put in the post-divorce-peace textbook, the Bowies would not be it. And don't

think it is just rock stars who can't work out a post-divorce accommodation. Eighteen months ago Nick Faldo left his second wife and their three children in favour of Brenna Cepelak, a golf student from Arizona.

See what I mean? Suddenly those young royals, with their post-divorce bonhomie, begin to look rather admirable. OK, so you have to squint quite hard, but still.

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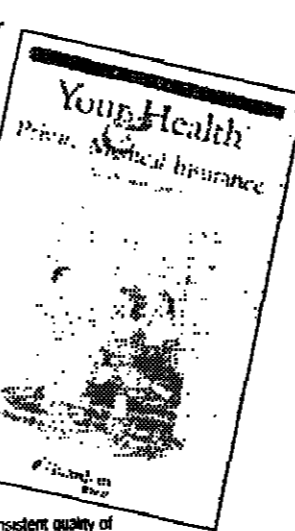
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# Don't bank on a Labour landslide

Peter Mandelson believes Blair's majority won't affect his policies

The general election campaign is under way in all but name. It is a campaign in which Labour starts well placed, but as Tony Blair says, support can never be taken for granted. Victory depends on convincing voters that the party will not only be elected as new Labour but will govern as new Labour.

Consider, first, the task facing the party: to gain a majority of one in the new Parliament. Labour must make 55 gains. If the change in vote share was uniform across the country, this would require a net swing of 4.1 per cent. To achieve a comfortable majority of around 50, we need a swing of 6 per cent. Yet the highest swing from Conservative to Labour since 1945 was 3.2 per cent in 1964. Neither major party has achieved a swing of 6 per cent.

So it is essential that we avoid complacency; but it is difficult to escape the *fin de régime* mood that hangs over every aspect of this Government. Most within the Government seem to be focusing more on a future Tory leadership election than on the general election. The Tories are pursuing a relentlessly negative campaign — using, for example, the lie that Labour has £30 billion of hidden spending plans — with relentlessly negative results.

Meanwhile Labour is presenting a positive programme. Our fully costed pledges for smaller class sizes, less NHS bureaucracy, quicker treatment of juvenile crime and getting 250,000 young people off benefit and into work, all without income tax increases, emphasise that change is possible. But it requires a government committed to the many, not the few. We have buried the tax and spend mentality for good. This has led to a consistent poll lead, and support from many quarters — such as the business community — which have never supported Labour before.

Yet if we are to win our first election for 22 years, voters need to be convinced of one thing above all. They worry about whether the party will allow Tony Blair to achieve what he promises. They are concerned that once in government Mr Blair will face problems with his party in Parliament and outside which will blow him off course. Some think that a small majority will present more problems (because an awkward squad will have more leverage), while others say that a large majority will be more dangerous (because the awkward squad will feel freer).

That debate is irrelevant. Both views fail to appreciate the extent to which Tony Blair's revolution has altered the structures and culture of the party. This has transformed the composition and make-up of the party's would-be MPs and their attitude to office. Most of all, both views fail to appreciate the difference between John Major and Tony Blair when it comes to party management.

After six years of watching John Major being held to ransom and kicked around by the factions in his party, it is reasonable to expect voters to ask if Tony Blair will be similarly affected. The answer is no. Changes implemented in the past five years ensure that he will repeat neither the party management mistakes of John Major nor those of the last Labour Government. As he said in one of the defining moments of this Parliament, he leads his party. John Major follows him. This will be as true in government as it manifestly is now.

The author is Labour MP for Hartlepool.

Today I issue an open invitation to any woman, any family, any couple who may be facing the possibility of an unwanted pregnancy. Whatever worries or cares you may have in this regard, we will help you. If you want help to cope with raising the baby on your own, we will help you. If you want to discuss adoption of your unborn child, we will help you. If you cannot face your family, or if pressure in your local area is making you consider abortion, come to us. We will help find you somewhere to have your baby surrounded by support and encouragement. This invitation, I repeat, is open to all, irrespective of age, creed or colour. Let us help you to avoid making one of the biggest mistakes of your life.

Now that does not sound to me much like a bribe or a threat or a demand for fallen women to hand over their babies to self-righteous churchgoing families. It does not sound like political posturing or even aggressive evangelism. Cardinal Winning has distanced himself from strident American "pro-lifers", saying mildly that he does not believe in violence or in embarrassing people, and that we must "separate the problem from the people. Be hard on the problem and soft on the people." It was, I suppose, inevitable that we in the media should home in on the financial content of his speech, but that was not the whole of it or even the heart of it. Read it again: does it sound like a free flight offer or an attempt to buy off women with free nappies?

I think not. What it does sound like is a straight, and rare, offer of support to women caught in what even the abortion lobby admits is an awful dilemma. Because pregnancy is a practical matter, some of that support inevitably must be practical. No student of the Gospels should be particularly surprised at a churchman offering his clergy as sources of help, advice and, if necessary, alms. Indeed the only really shocking and newsworthy thing about the speech is that any Church should feel the need to present such basic Christianity as some kind of innovation. If you really want a hot

dumping them. Nor is anybody expecting that the clock can be turned back to the days when unmarried mothers were told to repent their sins and hand over their babies for adoption. The Cardinal knows all that: it's in his speech. He used the language of support, of love, of being hard on the problem rather than the people. To that extent, he is in step with modern mores if not morals. And no doubt he knows perfectly well that his promise would, if widely taken up, stretch the patience and resources of the archdiocese well beyond their limit. If he were a politician it would have been a mad speech to make.

But he isn't a politician: he's a priest. His job is to point out what his Church tells him is the path of righteousness, and to help individuals along it. If that help involves giving long hours of counselling and company, so be it. If it involves money, so be it. If the only way to prevent a particular distraught woman from rushing to an abortion is for Cardinal Winning to lend her his house and sleep in the garden shed, he might just do it.

Why not? He did, after all, dump his chauffeured Mercedes in favour of an old Audi, and there are plenty of precedents. Hagiography is peppered with incidents of holy people recklessly giving away their family jewellery, their dinner, their butter rations (like St Brigid) or half their cloaks (like St Martin). Saints, we are told, are forever destabilising the economy by setting their slaves free and breaching health and safety guidelines by kissing lepers. Such examples are woven like glittering threads into the fabric of the Christian religion; all the Lord Bishops in ermine and Vicars of Bray and bickering Synods and smug smart socialite congregations cannot entirely bring religion down as long as that quixotic, crazy, unpolitical will is there.

So I hope that the Cardinal means it all the way, and makes sure that his flock does too. I doubt that he will have very many takers. But some women will give it a try. If they find fellowship, not condemnation, a place to lay their heads, a minimum of intrusive evangelism and a maximum of practical friendship — years of it — from the family of believers, then some of those women might in the process find faith. Or, in later life, their babies might. In which case the Cardinal is only doing his job, isn't he?

For Germany and Helmut Kohl, such brinkmanship could prove very uncomfortable. Italy's public insistence on membership in the first round is undermining public confidence in the whole project. There is also huge pressure from German industry, banking and the financial markets for irrevocable decisions to be made now about whether the whole thing will go ahead. But the closer Germany comes to making an irrevocable commitment to monetary union in 1999, the stronger it makes the bargaining positions of Italy and Spain. For the Mediterranean countries theoretically have it in their power to threaten him with the "nuclear option" of voting down a single currency from which they are excluded.

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## GRASSHOPPERS AND ANTS

Dorrell plans for the elderly are a long-term investment

The Tories may be about to lose office but their ideas have not lost power. The Health Secretary's draft Bill on community care published yesterday, and his imminent announcement of plans to improve the delivery of social services, complement Peter Lilley's pension proposals of last week. Together they prove that it is in the imaginative deployment of market discipline that the best hope for adequate welfare provision lies. Whether or not one believes the National Health Service is safe in this Government's hands, it is certainly the case that social services are safer when left to Adam Smith's invisible hand.

Welcome as Mr Lilley and Mr Dorrell's radicalism is, however, their proposals are not panaceas. The draft Bill published yesterday seeks to address the concerns of prudent citizens who have worked throughout their lives to buy their own homes and find that the property they wished to pass on has to be sold to pay for long-term care. At present, pensioners are allowed only £16,000 worth of assets before they have to provide for their own residential care. There are few homes south of Scapa Flow which will command less than that on the market. Many natural Conservatives resent seeing those who have neither toiled nor spun guaranteed a minimum level of care while those who have been thrifty are forced to deprive their children of the expected inheritance in order to ensure that their final days are dignified. It offends against Tory values and Tory voters that policy should currently favour grasshoppers over ants.

Mr Dorrell hopes to encourage prudence by allowing citizens to ring-fence their assets early. For every pound of long-term care insurance cover purchased, £1.50 worth of assets will be protected. Thus a scheme which guarantees £80,000 worth of cover, which in itself would require an outlay of far less, would safeguard an additional £120,000 worth of assets on top of the £16,000 already allowed. The reform will require extra Treasury spending, but as with Mr Lilley's scheme, it will be worth it over the medium to long term if it encourages individuals to take out private provision.

Given the massive increase in social services spending over the last 25 years to the current level of some £7 billion, action was required to ensure the State was seen as provider of last resort not port of first call. It has been coming under ever greater strain. One of the costs of the greater personal freedom of the last 20 years has been an erosion in the capacity of working children to care for their parents. Greater social mobility and the increase in the proportion of women working have meant fewer families are physically capable of providing care for elderly relatives and more of them fall back on residential care.

If imaginative proposals are not implemented then governments cannot meet future demand. The financial services industry may have its problems but an insurance policy is more likely to be honoured than a politician's promise. Nevertheless, the proposal to regulate the sale of long-term care insurance under the Financial Services Act should help, like the rest of the Bill, to promote peace of mind.

Necessary as reforms are, Mr Dorrell's do little for those whose plight moved the Government to action. As Labour has pointed out, the pensioner who needs help now can take small comfort from the draft Bill. Those who have liquid savings as well as a home can use their nest-egg to buy provision and, consequently, protect their property on the £1.50 for a pound formula. Many of those, however, who have sunk their savings into bricks and mortar will still be faced with having to sell. In time, attractive equity release schemes may be developed which make it easy for the elderly to get cash quickly for some of the value of their property without losing the rights to their home; but time is what those most in need most lack. His plans, whatever caveats are raised, are better than Labour's proposal for a royal commission. The party which once promised to think the unthinkable on welfare now only promises to subcontract the operation. It would be better if Labour learnt to concentrate on ends rather than means and place more faith in the market to secure social justice.

## TROUBLE WITH THE VIDEO

The fifth channel still has a lot of retuning to do

Channel 5 television is due to begin broadcasting in less than three weeks' time, and unless its engineers work miracles in the time remaining, the first transmission is likely to provoke fury in thousands of households across Britain. As Spring approaches, the forecast is for snow on the screen and flashes of interference on hundreds of thousands of video recorders that have not been retuned.

The start of this new television station, broadcasting on a frequency close to the one used by video recorders, requires the retuning of every recorder now in use. Channel 5 was granted its licence on condition that it undertook this massive task, affecting some 10 million households, at its own expense before transmissions began. Since the autumn, teams of engineers have been calling at homes to modify video frequency and retune satellite decoder boxes. Channel 5 insists that everything is running on schedule. It says that more than 8.5 million homes have already been serviced and that any sets still needing attention will be retuned without charge within the first three months after its launch.

The evidence from thousands of viewers belies this response. From all over the country come reports of incompetent work by mechanics who appear often to lack all the basic elements of television engineering. People have had their sets broken or been forced to call back the mechanics three or

four times. Elderly viewers have been left without television for weeks while poor workmanship has been repaired. The offer of replacement sets has been grudging, and compensation has been paid only after strenuous complaint: even then £25 has had to cover weeks of inconvenience.

The Government appears as nonchalant as Channel 5, insisting that, in the best TV tradition, it will be all right on the night. But the auguries seem so far unpromising. Those ultimately responsible, the Independent Television Commission, appear in no hurry to address the grievances: the commission's monitoring of the retuning is based on Channel 5's figures, with no attempt at independent research.

The last such nationwide adjustment of household equipment was when North Sea gas forced the modification of every gas-burning apparatus. The comparison between that streamlined operation by teams of well-trained mechanics and the botched job by television tuners hastily recruited and hastily trained is damning. Consumers, in the meantime, have been encouraged by Government to take their rights more seriously. Perhaps those who suffer repeated delay should simply take their sets to qualified engineers and send the bill to Channel 5. The new station promises to make millions for its owners. But a licence to print money is not a licence to disrupt the nation's television viewing.

## DISNEY OF NOTRE DAME

Great literature sits on the shelf unless it is constantly recycled

The great-great-grandchildren of Victor Hugo are not amused. As Our Paris Correspondent reports today, their grievance is the Disneyfication of their forebear's fine works. They complain about the "scandalous and obscene commercialisation of *Le Bossu* (*The Hunchback*) of *Notre Dame*, particularly McDonald's giving away plastic 'Quasimodors' with hamburgers, the new happy ending for the tragic historical and the omission of the author's name from the credits and advertising.

Hugo, whose vanity was as colossal as his genius, might have agreed with their last complaint. But the shining light of *le romantisme* in all its genres might also have recognised that there is room for a different kind of romance in an animated cartoon. He would certainly not have grumbled about the increased sales of his books on the back of the film. Hugo the innovator, who reinvented the historical novel, would surely have admired the technical achievements of the film. And Hugo the citizen of the world would have avoided cultural chauvinism, and agreed that his hunchback had already been given giddy new life by such anglophone stars as Lon Chaney, Charles Laughton, and Anthony Quinn, the last with Gina Lollobrigida as an improbably well-nourished Esmeralda.

Great works of art are the heritage of the world, not of any family, cultural clique or country, not even of the author, living or dead. As such they are open to translation, vulgarisation, distortion and pillage. The

theory that there are only ten basic plots in all fiction is a simplification. But no great work has ever sprung fully formed from the genius of its creator. All have sources, as Graham Swift's *Last Orders* takes the plot of William Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying* and breathes a different life into it.

Shakespeare never invented a plot out of thin air, not even *The Tempest*. He reinvented *Antony and Cleopatra* from North's translation of Amyot's French version of Plutarch's *Lives*, which was itself built on previous stories. When the theatres reopened after the Puritan blackout, *Macbeth* was "refined". Scriptwriters rewrote "The devil damn thee black, thou cream-faced loon" as "Now Friend, what means this change of Countenance?" And musical numbers with singers and dancers were added to the *Witches* scenes. For a century *King Lear* was given a happy ending, in which Lear was restored to the throne.

These were not better plays, but luxuriant offshoots from a fertile source. In *Hunchback*, the source material has been subordinated to the Disney theme of tolerance for hunchbacks, gypsies and others who are different. Disney has introduced the archetypal plot of unselfish renunciation by Quasimodo. Its lovers ride off into the sunset, a theme much exploited by Dickens and westerns, but invented long before them. Some who see the film will be hooked to read the book. But, without such constant revision and pillage by succeeding generations and genres, even a great book may die.

## Tunnels solution to London traffic

From the President of the Institution of Civil Engineers

Sir, Each political party is vying to prove its credentials by promising to spend even less on London's infrastructure. Yet the need for its maintenance, upgrading and expansion is obvious and desperate and the hidden costs of a do-nothing philosophy are enormous. Nor will some long-overdue works on the Underground (letters, February 28) solve the problems above ground.

Our Victorian ancestors had the foresight to use the "third dimension" (underground) for rail. We now need to develop a whole new underground network of expressways for vehicular traffic, in order to free our residential urban areas and shopping centres of much surface traffic and all its associated problems of noise, pollution and congestion. With such a vision, the will to make it happen will emerge.

The "London Expressways", conceived in 1990 by Dr Gabriel Khouri at Imperial College, would run in bored tunnels, linking the motorways across and around London. Underground car parks would provide access to public transport for ongoing journeys, and traffic using them would not surface in inner London.

There could be underground off-loading areas for commercial vehicles, and the newly freed areas above ground would be protected from replacement traffic through pedestrianisation schemes, bus and cycle routes, parking restrictions and improved public transport.

Both the economy and the environment would benefit hugely. The suburbs and the heart of the city would become distinct and living communities, businesses would thrive, freedom of choice would be preserved. The costs would be met largely through tolls. London and Britain would regain much of their pride.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Safeguard our seas

From the Director of the World Wide Fund for Nature, UK

Sir, During the storms of last week-end the tanker *Storm*, carrying 150,000 tons of heavy crude oil, lost power some 60 miles off the west coast of Lewis. Driven by gale-force winds, this looked set to become the third major oil tanker disaster in four years, following rapidly on the heels of the *Braer* and the *Sea Empress*. But for once luck was on the side of the environment — after drifting helplessly for some five hours, power was partly restored and a disaster averted.

Meanwhile, the Government yesterday rejected an amendment to the Merchant Shipping and Maritime Security Bill during its committee stage. This amendment called for the identification of marine environment high risk areas (Mehras) in the territorial seas around the coast of the UK. These would comprise the most important ecological areas of conservation significance, which would have special measures to safeguard their integrity from shipping activities.

The identification of key environmental sites has already been proposed by the International Maritime Organisation, and endorsed by the UK Government. It is therefore surprising and disappointing that the same Government is now opposing the inclusion of Mehra in its own national legislation.

The Government should stop playing Russian roulette with our coastal heritage and accept this amendment when the Bill reaches report stage.

Yours faithfully,  
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## Prayer and politics

From Bishop Peter Selby

Sir, The Reverend Michael Windridge (letter, March 6) has reacted in a very understandable way to the misleading headline "Pray for a Labour victory, radical bishop tells voters". (March 1) In early editions over your report of my short article on prayer for the Christian Socialist Movement, I was not telling voters to pray for a Labour victory, but writing a short reflection on the nature of prayer for the members of the CSM in the context of a general election campaign.

Those who are politically active for any party and also believe in God who hears and answers prayer are likely to want to think about how to connect their praying with their political activity. Wider reflection on such matters would do much to give integrity to the practice of faith as well as raising the quality of our political life.

To assist in that is a key task of a Christian minister, and is not at all the same as using one's ecclesiastical office for party purposes, let alone believing (absurdly) that the election of one party rather than another would "automatically herald the coming of God's Kingdom".

Yours sincerely,  
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Costing the right to trial by jury

From Mr Neville Goldrein

Sir, When I first opened my own practice as a solicitor I appeared, as did many young advocates, in the magistrates' courts, and later I had a criminal law department which was very involved with those courts. Later again as a deputy circuit judge I tried a number of "either way" cases which could have been heard before the magistrates but where the defendants preferred, initially, trial by jury. There is no doubt that the vast majority, when they came to the Crown Courts, changed their pleas to guilty.

An important question is why. It is partly, I think, because they consider that they may have a fairer trial, or as is sometimes said, a better chance of "getting away with it", before a jury, although they realise that, if convicted, the penalty would very likely be greater. However, I have no doubt that an important ingredient is that frequently they are initially advised by their solicitor, quite rightly on the evidence and admissions, to plead guilty. They consider, though, that at the Crown Court they would be advised by a barrister whom they think would know more and be more skilled and experienced — after all he is "a barrister".

Little do they realise that the barrister dealing with the minor offence in the Crown Court is frequently very junior and nearly always less experienced than the solicitor who instructs him. But he wears robes and a wig, appears very learned, and when he endorses the solicitor's advice to plead guilty the defendant, respecting such advice from one apparently so skilled, accepts it. In addition there is the additional element of apprehension from the very atmosphere of the Crown Court.

The Home Secretary's proposals (report, February 28) would not only save cost and unnecessary use of resources, but they would assist defendants in having a quick and fair hearing, with very likely lower penalties than those which so frequently derive from the present use of the system. If dissatisfied the defendant would still have a right of appeal to the Crown Court.

I am, Sir, yours truly,  
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March 6.

### Soane neglected

From Mr R. John Shanks

Sir, Darya Alberge (report, March 5) draws attention to the vandalism of Sir John Soane's 1815 family tomb and Father Murray (letter, March 8) to the desecration of his parish church, designed by Soane. St Peter's, Walworth. The year 1815 also saw the completion of — as Soane put it — his "favourite subject", Dulwich Picture Gallery, when the bodies of the founders were moved into the mausoleum he constructed at the heart of the building.

A more insidious vandalism has been perpetrated on this masterpiece. Although it is the oldest public art gallery in England, successive governments have bizarrely refused to grant it any national funding. As a result, the plaster now buckles from the walls above the sarcophagi and condensation damages the upper paintwork.

Soane is quintessentially British. How well he understood our climate in his thoughts on light and shadow. Yet he is neglected, as a provocative survey of his work at London's Soane Museum showed last year.

The Millennium Commission will fund futuristic buildings to celebrate

From Dr Katherine J. Kaye

Sir, The benefits of the right to a jury trial do not lie only with the accused. Performance of jury duty is one of the principal ways by which ordinary citizens can participate *in personam* in the workings of the State which governs them.

Jury duty requires people to use their intelligence, their common sense, their experience, and their ability to reach an agreement to arrive at the best conclusion they can. Jurors use these individual and collective skills in a forum which gives them real, if limited, power in a society which normally restricts the exercise of power to professionals.

Jury duty also draws from a cross-section of society: people who would not necessarily meet one another any other way are brought together to exchange beliefs about the meting out of justice. In this way the social fabric is strengthened and "the reasonable man" finds a voice — however unreasonable a lawyer finds that voice to be.

The process of the jury trial, and the institution itself, are both fundamental to a healthy democracy. If jury trials are too lengthy and expensive the answer is to encourage brevity and self-denial in the legal profession.

Yours faithfully,  
KATHERINE J. KAYE,  
City University,  
School of Law,  
Gloucester Place, EC1,  
March 3.

From Mr John Letts

Sir, It doesn't seem to be widely known that during the Second World War a seven-man jury was introduced for both the civil and criminal courts. I suggest that its introduction today would have no less an effect on the cost of justice than would the curtailing of jury trials altogether, as is proposed by Mr Michael Howard.

There are advantages to be gained (certainly in minor cases) both from ensuring an automatic majority on one side or the other and from inflicting on fewer people the time-consuming burden of jury service. And I have never heard it claimed that justice was particularly badly served during the war.

Yours sincerely,  
JOHN LETTS,  
The Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1,  
March 4.

2000, but surely this is also the opportunity to honour a giant of our architectural past and fund the restoration of Soane's surviving works before they rot away or are further brutalised.

Yours faithfully,  
R. JOHN SHANKS,  
36 Egerton Gardens, SW3,  
March 8.

From Mr Robin Chadder

Sir, Father Murray, of St Peter's, Walworth, writes movingly on the vandalism of his church. St Peter's is Soane's hidden London masterpiece. It has a simple yet solid elegance with the muscular entrance portico rising effortlessly to a delicate spire.

In the East End, Soane's original railings lie rusting beside his St John's Church, whose stocky tower is interestingly comparable to his mausoleum tower at Dulwich Picture Gallery, which the Trustees struggle to protect in the face of chronic underfunding.

Yours etc,  
ROBIN CHADDER,  
Lissington,  
Busingthorpe, Lincoln,  
March 8.

see how many would cash the cheques and thus reveal themselves as "dishonest".

This behaviour by programme makers is an outrage. They are the ones who must stand condemned for dishonesty — by the use of common deceit in their attempt to entrap hard-pressed and distracted clergy. Such behaviour serves only to undermine further the level of trust in our society. A priest will now do well to doubt the face value of every letter he receives.

Are there no standards in television except those of the gutter?

Yours, In Dno,  
FRANCIS BOWN,  
St Stephen's Presbytery,  
29 Westbourne Avenue,  
Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire,  
March 7. 2

### Royal visits

From Mr Nicholas Oulton

Sir, Why is it acceptable for Prince Charles to make an official visit to Saudi Arabia (front-page photograph, March 6), a grotesque theatre of an appalling human rights record, while it is seemingly not acceptable for him to visit Israel, a democratic state which shares our basic ethical and political values?

Yours faithfully,  
NICK OULTON,  
29 Glenmore Road, NW3,  
March 6.

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### A place in Britain for field sports?

From Mrs Gwa Blackett

Sir, Mr Stuart Nelson's desire (letter, March 6) for more people to acknowledge the contribution made by field sports to our countryside is echoed by many here in Scotland.

If the sportsman is not allowed to subsidise the countryside by paying for field sports' management, many estates may well feel that it is not cost effective to maintain the land as it is today. Our tourist economy will suffer as tree plantations replace the stunning views that attract visitors and are so loved by inhabitants. Many birds, including pipits, dotterels (which are protected under a European directive as well as the Wildlife and Countryside Act) and woodland grouse (capercaillie and black grouse) could be lost to Scotland forever if the predators at the top of the food chain are not controlled by gamekeepers and land managers.

The average urban dweller does not comprehend just how fragile their enjoyment of this natural heritage is — or how much it costs to maintain it.

Yours sincerely,  
GEVA BLACKETT,  
Culcheth Cottage,  
Braemar, Aberdeenshire,  
March 6.

From Mr Douglas Porter

Sir, In response to Mr Stuart Nelson, may I concur that it is indeed fascinating to watch a hound hunting by sight or scent as nature intended. However, when several hundred people gather at hare coursing events to watch two hounds set to run down a captive hare which has no realistic chance of escape, there is little of sport in it, nor anything of population control or conservation. There is hardly more in driving partridge or pheasant towards a killing line of braying asses with shotguns, or in a mob of red-jacketed oaks on horses urging 50 hounds after one fox.

For hunting by scent, may I suggest field sports enthusiasts support the re-introduction of wild boar in this country? Then they may go with their hound and spear (surely no sportsman would think of using a gun) to try their skill and courage against 50 stone of sharp-tusked bad temper.

Perhaps Mr Nelson could stretch his own legs as well as his greyhounds to find the hare, kill it for the good of the hare population or of the table, or because it is a pest (in this last case, do not also encourage it to breed). Then, I for one, will consider calling it sport.

Meanwhile, he should accept the just and inglorious label of "blood sports" for all pastimes in which the *sine qua non* is the demise of an animal in an unfair and unequal contest.

Yours faithfully,  
D. PORTER,  
21 Reepham Road,  
Bawdeswell, Dereham, Norfolk.

### Juvenile crime

From Mr Christopher Maguire

Sir, Jack Straw and Michael Howard vie with each other to crack down on juvenile crime (leading article, March 4). Those whose lives have been made hell for so many years will be relieved but probably also angry and cynical that it has taken an impending general election for politicians of either party to redress the liberal approach which has dominated law and order for decades.

Incidentally, I made my first confession at the age of nine as a Catholic schoolboy in the early 1950s, a precocious feat of self-examination since it now appears that I should not have been expected to tell the difference between good and evil.

Yours faithfully,  
CHRISTOPHER MAGUIRE,  
15 Harston Road,  
Newton, Cambridge,  
March 5.

### One of a kind

From Mr Douglas Vernon

Sir, Speaking as an egoist of long standing, I can see no ethical reason why I should not set about cloning myself. Having never felt a desire to breed in the conventional manner I can see tremendous benefits in the production of an exact copy. Of course all who know me may not agree, but that is a problem for them.

I note, however, that Professor Peter Yates (letter, March 7) insists that members of a clone should be treated as one individual and have only one vote and one pension. Would he agree, then, that he/they should only pay one lot of taxes?

Yours faithfully,  
DOUGLAS VERNON,  
The Victorian Gallery,  
40 St John's Hill,  
Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

### High water mark

From Mr Peter Shaw

Sir, I have received from North West Water Ltd, a booklet entitled *Everything you expect and more*. How true — my bill has risen by twice the rate of inflation since last year.

Yours faithfully,  
PETER SHAW,  
48 Culcheth Hall Drive,  
Culcheth, Cheshire,  
March 7.



## OBITUARIES

## DAME VERONICA WEDGWOOD

Dame Veronica Wedgwood, OM, DBE, FBA, historian, died on March 9 aged 86. She was born on July 20, 1910.

Veronica Wedgwood was the senior non-royal member of the Order of Merit. Yet even by the year of her appointment to the order, 1969, her fame was already past its peak. She had made her name as a writer with her history of the Thirty Years War, published on the eve of the outbreak of the Second World War, and from the retirement of G.M. Trevelyan to the popular flowering of such iconoclastic figures as A.J.P. Taylor and Hugh Trevor-Roper, she was probably Britain's most celebrated historian. Yet even among her own sex she eventually had to yield pride of place to such younger successors as Cecil Woodham-Smith and Elizabeth Longford.

Closely Veronica Wedgwood was the daughter of Sir Ralph Wedgwood, who was for 16 years chief general manager of the London and North Eastern Railway and chairman of the Railway Executive Committee during the first three years of the Second World War. She was a direct descendant of the founder of the Wedgwood pottery works and her brother, Sir John, was deputy chairman of the family firm until 1966.

Veronica (as she was always known to her friends) described herself as "a cross, difficult, lumpish child" who felt more at home in the past than in the present — "among the friendly dead, being bad at games did not matter". She found many history books in her father's home, was soon scribbling away on mammoth writing pads and graduating to Gibbon. At Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, she took first-class degrees first in Classical Moderations and then in Modern History; she was to become an honorary Fellow of the college in 1962.

Soon after leaving Oxford she joined the staff of Lady Rhonda's weekly paper *Time and Tide*, of which she became literary editor, then deputy editor and finally a trustee. When Lady Rhonda, who had sacrificed her fortune to the paper, died in 1938 Veronica Wedgwood made desperate efforts to provide for its continuation in the style created by its founder. (She failed and the paper went through various vicissitudes before eventually perishing in the 1950s as a monthly.)

Her first historical work *Stratford* was published by Jonathan Cape in 1935. Cape had as his expert reader on historical manuscripts Professor (later Sir John) Neale, the Elizabethan historian. Neale took immense trouble over helping and advising young historians. He told Wedgwood "with perfect lucidity... what was wrong with the book and exactly how to put it right". In this biography Stratford was presented as a benevolent authoritarian, a great administrator and an idealist with a sense of duty. Twenty-five years later, when the Stratford family papers became available to historians in the Sheffield Central Library, Wedgwood revised and expanded her book under the title of *Thomas Wentworth* (1961). Its subject had now become an unscrupulous statesman of powerful



intelligence, greedy and self-seeking.

With the publication of her original study, Veronica Wedgwood was launched on her career as an historian and biographer. Her major books included *The Thirty Years War* (1938), *William the Silent* (1944), for which she was awarded the James Tait Black Prize, *The King's Peace* (1955) and *The King's War* (1958), the first two volumes of a projected complete history of the Great Rebellion: *The Trial of Charles I* (1964), an offshoot from her researches into the rebellion, was a bestseller. In addition, she wrote many short books on early 17th-century history, including biographies of Cromwell, Richelieu, Montrose, Milton and of Peter Paul Rubens as a politician and diplomatist. Her only book not written on this period, apart from collections of essays, was a biography of her uncle, the politician Josiah (Josh) Wedgwood, entitled *The Last of the Radicals* (1951). Josiah Wedgwood was a pioneer of the official history of Parliament and his niece had lent him her active aid when he worked on the first volume, which was later taken out of his hands into those of university historians such as Lewis Namier.

Wedgwood herself was never an academic historian, although she

worked for a time at the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton and was a special lecturer in history at University College London. She received honorary degrees from several British and American universities and was elected a Fellow of the British Academy in 1975. Her writing was clear and immaculate, suffused with literary allusions.

Although in her youth she had been a member of R.H. Tawney's economic history seminar, she really belonged more to the school of George Macaulay Trevelyan. Her approach to history was by narrative: she believed that if one could answer the "how" of history, the "why" more easily followed. In her books on the Great Rebellion she tried to tell the story as it was seen through the eyes of contemporaries. For this she was criticised by some academic historians influenced by a refined Marxist or quantitative approach, who complained that she dealt insufficiently with the underlying causes of events. To this she replied that all historians are liable in their interpretations to be guided by their own political predilections and by their knowledge of what was going to happen afterwards. She herself could discover no "philosophy of history" but thought an historian

had the right to pronounce on moral questions.

Veronica Wedgwood devoted much of her life to public service, for which she was appointed CBE in 1958 and advanced to DBE in 1968. She was at various times a member of the Royal Historical Manuscripts Commission, a trustee of the National Gallery, president of the English Association, a member of the Arts Council and, above all, was exceedingly energetic as president of the English Centre of the International PEN Club from 1951 to 1957. She also served the London Library and the Royal Opera House.

Nothing was too much trouble to her in helping her fellow authors and giving encouragement to young writers. She was charming as a hostess and loyal as a friend. As a book reviewer she was completely devoid of jealousy or unkindness and saw some good in everyone. Her recreations were the theatre, reading books outside her own subjects, particularly poetry, sightseeing and listening to music. When seeking material for her own books, she much enjoyed being driven round battle sites. Something of her knowledge and taste in literature is to be found in two valuable short books, *Seventeenth Century Literature* (1950) and *Poetry and Politics under the Stuarts* (1960).

After the production of her *Trial of Charles I*, which she revised in 1980 in the light of new information, she thrust herself into the formidable task of writing a history of the world. In this she was anticipated by J.M. Roberts whose *Hutchinson History of the World* was a bestseller. She amicably debated with him the problems involved in this huge task. It proved even more demanding than she expected and, though she published one volume, *The Spoils of War* (1984), taking the story up to 1550, she never completed it. Jokingly she observed that she spent much of her time reading the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* in the London Library and that she intended to finish at the 19th century since her readers would know as much as she did about what had happened in the 20th. She never lost her interest in the 17th century, continuing to read and review books about it, and she intended to complete the unfinished trilogy on the Great Rebellion — only two volumes of which, *The King's Peace* and *The King's War*, she managed to produce.

After the death in 1979 of Philip Hope-Wallace — with whom together with his sister she had long shared a house in St John's Wood — she took a London flat but spent much of her time writing in her cottage near Alfriston, East Sussex, which she continued to share with her lifelong friend Jacqueline Hope-Wallace.

She always maintained the view, as she said in her PEN Herman Oudiz Lecture, published in 1964, that writers such as herself aimed to please both the élite and the broad range of readers. She was quite unselfish, and thought that such modern methods of communication as television and radio opened more ways to the writer than they closed. In pleasing both audiences for many years with her own books, and through her lucid lectures, she was outstandingly successful.

## JIMMY AIRLIE

Jimmy Airlie, leader of the eight-month "work-in" at Upper Clyde Shipbuilders in 1971-72, died of cancer yesterday aged 60. He was born on October 10, 1936.



Jimmy Airlie (second from left) with a delegation outside No 10 in 1971

A FORMER military policeman who joined the Communist Party in his early twenties, Jimmy Airlie brought a tough discipline to the novel concept of factory occupation which contributed powerfully to the victory over non-interventionist Conservative ideology at the beginning of the 1970s. He was the original "hard man" of Red Clydeside, but he matured into a skillful and realistic negotiator for the Amalgamated Engineering Union.

Although he was naturally equipped to become president of the Engineering Union, he never attained the top job, partly because the Roman Catholic-dominated "moderates" intrigued to prevent his rise to power but in part also because he lacked the personal ambition to go all the way. He ended his union career last September as no more than an executive councillor of the Amalgamated Engineering and Electrical Union (as it now is) but was easily the most gifted figure among the leadership.

James Airlie was born in Renfrew, the son of a boilermaker. Educated in local schools, he followed his father into the shipyard before undergoing National Service with the RAF. He served in Libya as a military policeman, where he eased the boredom of his remote posting by shooting stray dogs.

A natural militant, he joined the Communist Party on his return to Fairfield Yard, in Scotland, at least, the Communist Party was often preferred by shop stewards to the vacillating (and sometimes corrupt) Labour Party. Airlie was elected as a shop steward and then convenor in the yard, at a time when shipbuilding on the Clyde was going into severe decline.

In 1968 the yards were concentrated together under public ownership by Tony Benn, Minister of Technology in Harold Wilson's Government. But the new UCS still lost money, and Edward Heath came to power in 1970 on a manifesto commitment of "no lame ducks". Initially, the Tories wrote the cheques, but withdrew financial backing in June 1971 and put in the liquidators.

Airlie, with fellow stewards Jimmy Reid and Sammy Gilmore of the Boilermakers Union, responded with a "work-in" to demand state investment. The men were

required to report for work as normal, and were paid out of a shop stewards' fund, to which an extraordinary £485,000 was raised by public subscription. There would, growled Airlie, be "no bevvying" (meaning drinking).

The Heath administration fell foul of the first miners' overtime ban of 1971 leading to the strike of early 1972, and unemployment reached one million, then held to be a socially explosive benchmark. The Prime Minister was privately advised by the Chief Constable of Glasgow, David ("Hammer") McNea, that at least 5,000 extra policemen would be needed to end the occupation forcibly.

Faced with these pressures, the Cabinet caved in. Airlie and his fellow stewards, who had earlier been received at 10 Downing Street, heard the terms of surrender: a £35 million package of state funding. Weeks later came the interventionist Industry Act, which convinced Thatcherites that Heath would eventually have to go. However, this was probably the high watermark of shopfloor "direct action" — no similar occupation has been successful since then.

Airlie became a full-time official at the yard and, for a while, seemed virtually to disappear from public view. He re-emerged as full-time assistant divisional organiser for the union in 1979, and then, in 1983, he was elected national executive councillor for Scotland.

Airlie was quickly appointed national negotiator for Ford workers, arousing the incredulous wrath of the American head of the company, who rang up the union's president, Terry Duffy, to complain about the appointment of a Communist to such a sensitive post. Ford had a great deal more to complain of in 1985 when Airlie led a successful two-week strike of

Ford UK which crippled the company's European operations.

Ford capitulated but it is commonly believed the company had its revenge in withdrawing planned investment from Dundee two years later. At the time, other unions were blamed, and Airlie expostulated: "As trade unionists, we must be prepared to take on board the opinions of ordinary working-class people if we are ever to rebuild and regain support. If that sounds sub-Thatcherite, so be it."

In his later years, Airlie became something of a pillar of the trade union establishment if an irreverent one. He was the TUC's chief fixer — chairman of the conference arrangements committee — and a member of the ruling general council.

Socially, he was the most engaging figure of his generation in the labour movement. Not even his fellow Scot and fellow Communist Mick McGahey could keep a hard-bitten activist audience laughing for an hour or more, apparently without drawing breath. He was in great demand as an informal cabaret act at union social functions. Airlie was also a keen walker, football fan and a man for the horses.

He became ill with kidney cancer in the autumn of last year, and joked of his fears that he was "for the broth pot". He retired early, but not early enough to enjoy the fruits of his labours. He remained a member of the Communist Party, loyal to the "Euro" wing, until the party disintegrated in the early 1990s. He was persuaded to join the Labour Party last year, but was never active. Airlie was one of the last of a remarkable class of men.

He is survived by his wife Ann Gordon, whom he married in 1971, and by their daughter.

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## JAMES COSSINS

James Cossins, actor, died from heart disease on February 12 aged 63. He was born on December 4, 1933.



IN A busy 30-year career that encompassed cinema, television and the stage, James Cossins became a familiar and respected presence in British theatrical life. One of those performers whose faces are perhaps more widely known than their names, he was a versatile and dependable character actor whose subtle intelligence could lend distinction to even the smallest supporting role.

Tall and upright of bearing, dignified and fastidious in manner, with a richly resonant voice, he excelled at playing men of respectable authority. But his crusty old colonels and cantankerous judges were never mere caricatures. He had a rare talent for suggesting the vulnerability that may lurk beneath pompous bluster, and he deployed that talent to dramatic effect, with results that could be both comic and surprisingly moving.

## N.W. FRONTIER UNREST

From Our Special Correspondent  
Trouble is threatening the peace of the North-West Frontier in general and the Peshawar District in particular from two sources simultaneously. The first is an old danger spot in the Mohmand Country up the Gandao Valley beyond Hafiz Kor. The second is about 80 miles north of the Peshawar, in the Bajaur valley, where the Salazar lashkar (tribal detachment) including a contingent of the Uman Khels, is still threatening Dir and the road to Chitral.

Thirty-two aeroplanes of the Royal Air Force have already given a salutary lesson in the second danger area, but for the last 48 hours torrential rains accompanied by blinding thunderstorms have blotted out the hills and valleys bordering on behind them. The Peshawar aerodrome is under water, and looks more like a swampy base. Air operations have in consequence been interrupted, but one squadron of the RAF took off between the storms this afternoon, flew up the Bajaur Valley and bombed a village which is now in flames. All troops are standing by.

The trouble up the Gandao Valley seems to have started with belated mourning rites for a notorious *malik* (tribal leader) named

He went on to enjoy a run of West End successes, among them roles in John Osborne's double bill *Plays for England* and in Wedekind's *Spring Awakening* — both at the Royal Court at a time when that theatre's reputation for innovative drama was perhaps at its height. He also formed a close association with the Bristol Old Vic and played several roles with the Royal Shakespeare Company. Cossins's range was wide: he was equally at home in comedy and in serious drama. He played Gladstone to Dorothy Tutin's Queen Victoria in *Portrait of a Queen* in the West End and on Broadway; he was Peachum in *The Beggar's Opera*, Falstaff in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* and Sir Francis Chesney in *Charles and His Aunt*. He appeared in Michael Frayn's *Alphabetical Order* and Alan Ayckbourn's *Confessions*. Cossins liked to make an impression, whatever the role he was playing. He was an inveterate and unapologetic scene-stealer, but his unstuffy professionalism, understanding nature and sharp eye for

the ridiculous made him a popular company member.

He made his cinema debut in John Schlesinger's 1965 *Darling*, and appeared in more than forty films. His most notable screen performance was probably in the grotesque black comedy *The Anniversary* (1968), where he played opposite Bette Davis as the transverse son of a malevolent one-eyed widow (he had created the role two years earlier on the West End stage); other credits included *The Great Train Robbery*, *Gandhi* and *A Fish Called Wanda*.

Cossins's also became one of the most familiar faces on British television, drawing on his natural gravitas in adaptations of literary classics (*Dombey and Son*, *Pickwick Papers*) and deploying his comic gifts in a number of popular situation comedies (*Some Mothers Do A Little Bit*, *Citizen Smith*, *Fawlty Towers*), until illness cut short his career in 1982. His later years were spent in virtual retirement in Surrey, with his beloved dog Oscar. He never married.

## ON THIS DAY

March 11, 1932

At the disarmament conference which opened at Geneva in February, the British delegation argued that bombing villages was an essential measure in containing unrest.

Muhsil, who died a few weeks ago after a long life spent as a border raider. The presence of 3,000 Mohmand tribesmen gave an opportunity of playing on their emotions with exhortations to a jihad (holy war).

Fazl Shah, who is the second son of the Haji of Turangzai walked into the midst of the assembly at Muhsil were praying for Muhsil's soul, and, with arms raised above his head, shouted: "The Mohmands are up all along the line. Come join your brothers in a holy war." It is reported that the younger tribesmen are all for action, but the Elders reproved Fazl saying he was out only to make trouble for his own aggrandisement. It is on

this agitation in the Mohmand country that immediate peace depends, and therefore the situation is being watched closely. It is thought that even if disaffection spreads among the Mohmands ample forces are available here to prevent incursions on a large scale. The immediate problem is to check infection in the Peshawar District itself, where the recent notable improvement in the local atmosphere has scarcely been maintained during the last few days. This is doubly unfortunate in view of the rapid progress which is being made with the initiation of the reforms. A rehearsal of the arrangements for polling day, April 7, is actually being held at the Victoria Memorial Hall in the city tomorrow morning.

News from the villages shows that a uniform interest is being taken in the elections. The very aeroplanes which bombed the Bajaur Valley at the beginning of the week have been employed in dropping leaflets explaining the system of voting.

Only two out of the 28 seats are likely to be contested. At the moment two main parties are in the field. The first is composed of the *khans* from the villages and the second is drawn chiefly from the *waliks* (pleaders) of Peshawar and elsewhere. In other words, the issue seems likely to be fought between Tory squires and urban intelligentsia.

# Ravanelli creates promotion opportunity in Sussex



FABRIZIO RAVANELLI, the Middlesbrough forward, was the man to have in your Interactive Team Football side this week. Four goals in the past seven days — three against Derby County in mid-week and one more against the same team on Saturday — gave the Italian a 15-point tally.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that the weekly winner had selected Ravanelli. Mr M. Evershed, of Bexhill-on-Sea, East Sussex, scored 54 points with Rother Ramblers 5, and wins £250. In the overall competition, Mr G. Foster retains his lead, while John Hunt slips to fifth place.

It was also a good week for ITF selectors with Leicester City defenders; Keller, the goalkeeper, scored ten points, while Grayson, Elliott and Walsh all scored eight.

Mr Evershed's team is:

**Goalkeeper**  
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D Lennon (Raidh)  
J Phillips (Motherwell)  
R Winters (Dundee United)

**Strikers**  
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F Ravanelli (Middlesbrough)

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A Wenger (Arsenal)



On the way up: MacKay celebrates his goal for Celtic on Thursday. Can you afford to leave the defender out?



If your team could be doing better, with players injured or drastically short of form, you can move into the transfer market to improve your fortunes. You can use the ITF transfer system which allows

you to change up to two players each week and to adjust your team if one of your players is actually transferred out of the FA Carling Premiership or Bell's Scottish League premier division.

You can make transfers only by telephone. Using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone), call the 0891 886 968 line during the times given. From outside the United Kingdom, you must call 0044 990 200 668.

When making a transfer, you must ensure that the team does not contain more than two individuals (two players or one player and a manager) from the same club.

If you are lagging behind the leading team selectors, the transfer system will be an appealing option to you in the chase for the prizes — the overall £50,000, monthly £1,000 or weekly £250.

All Interactive Team Football transfer queries should be directed to 0171-757 7016. All other inquiries can be made on 01582 488 122.

## HOW THE SCORING SYSTEM WORKS IN ITF

All 1996-7 matches in the FA Carling Premiership, FA Cup, Bell's Scottish League premier division and Tannets Scottish Cup from August 17 count for points. Penalty shootouts do not count but results decided in this way will count for managers.

Goalkeeper		Striker	
Keeps clean sheet*	4pts	Scores goal	
Scores goal	3pts	All players	
Saves penalty	1pt	Appearance†	
Full back/Central defender		Scores hat-trick	
Keeps clean sheet*	3pts	Manager	
Scores goal	3pts	Team wins	
Midfield player		Team draws	
Keeps clean sheet*	1pt		
Scores goal	2pts		

POINTS DEDUCTED		
Goalkeeper		Booked
Concedes goal	2pts	Concedes penalty
Full back/Central defender		Misses penalty
Concedes goal	1pt	Scores own goal
All players		Manager
Sent off	3pts	Team loses

\* must have played for 75 minutes in the match  
† must have played for 45 minutes in the match

## ENTER A NEW TEAM TODAY

THERE ARE BIG PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY WEEK AND EVERY MONTH

The ITF Manager of the Week and the Manager of the Month are up for grabs from now until the end of the season. Enter a team today for your chance to be a winner in 1997. The Manager of the Week or Month can be won by any team no matter where it is in the league, the prize for the Manager of the Week or Month simply goes to the person whose team scores the highest points in any one week or month.

The prize for the Manager of the Week is £250 cash, plus a £250 Sports Gift Voucher for an amateur football team in your community — as nominated by you. The Manager of the Month will receive £1,000 cash.

Enter today by following the instructions below.

Enter ITF by phone on 0891 405 011

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom, call 44 990 100 320

1. You must use a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone).
2. Choose 1 goalkeeper, 2 full backs, 2 central defenders, 4 midfielders, 2 strikers and a manager.
3. Do not spend more than £35 million.
4. Do not choose more than two individuals (2 players or 1 player and 1 manager) from any one football club.
5. Once you have chosen your team, call the entry line, above, and follow these step-by-step instructions.
  - a) You must tap in (not speak) the full set of selections (using the five-digit player codes) for each of your 11 chosen players and your manager.
  - b) You must speak the name of your team (no more than 16 characters) your name, address, with postcode, and daytime telephone number.
  - c) Finally, you will be given a ten-digit personal identification number (PIN) at the end of the call. You must keep a note of this number and your chosen team as no postal notification will be sent.

NB. Any new team will only score points on future games.

0891 calls cost 50p per minute. Your call will cost approximately double if made from a pay phone. In the event of there being more than one Manager of the Week or Month, the winner will be chosen at random. All ITF rules apply, a copy of which will be made available on request.

## HOW TO MAKE A TRANSFER IN ITF

Call 0891 886 968

If telephoning from outside the United Kingdom call 44 990 200 668.

You may make transfers only by telephone using a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone). You will need your ten-digit selectors PIN, which you will have to tap in, not speak. Follow the simple instructions and tap in the five-digit codes of the players you are transferring.

You may only make transfers in one team per telephone call. If you have entered two teams and want to make transfers in both, you must make two separate calls.

You may transfer two (but no more than two) individuals (two players or one player and a manager) during a transfer week. A player being transferred out must be replaced by one from the same category and you must keep to the team format of a goalkeeper, two full backs, two central defenders, four midfield players, two strikers and a manager. You must not exceed the £35 million budget and have no more than two individuals from the same club. Incorrect transfers will be rejected and your team will remain in its previous form.

The transfer week runs from 00.01 on Tuesday to midnight the following Monday. Transfers made before noon each day will become effective immediately. Transfers made after noon will become effective for matches played after noon on the following day.

Your new player only starts to score points for you when his transfer is registered. The current score of the player transferred out remains part of your team score but he then ceases to score for you.

If a player or manager moves teams during the season, it may affect the composition of your team. You must adjust your team by using the transfer system to avoid missing out on points.

Calls will be charged at 50p per minute. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Player out	Player code
Club	
Player in	
Club	

## THIS WEEK'S TRANSFERS

IN		
52606	Michael Evans	Southampton £0.75m
OUT		
12203	Tommy Wright	Nottingham Forest £0.75m
LOANED PLAYERS		
S. Maudon (West Ham to Reading, one week); V. Barmann (Arsenal to Wolverhampton, two weeks); A. Miller (Middlesbrough to West Bromwich, two weeks); P. Lewis (Leeds to Bradford, three weeks); J. Lee (Nottingham Forest to Charlton, one month)		

## THE LEADING 250 ENTRIES IN THE TIMES INTERACTIVE TEAM FOOTBALL GAME

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts	Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
1	Sophie and Sam	(J. Foster)	851	112	NST Monkstone	(J. Staszewicz)	568	217	Top Banana	(M. Bottomley)	544
2	Nobby 4	(J. Brown)	846	113	Skyforest	(A. Burton)	568	218	Powerage	(I. Doughty)	544
3	Nobby	(M. Jones)	845	114	Murray's Mates	(D. Anderson)	565	219	Papadopoulos Ltd	(A. Papadopoulos)	543
4	John Hunt Taunton D	(J. Hunt)	844	115	Inter The Bin	(M. Ward)	565	220	Shot On Sight 2	(P. Goldstraw)	543
5	John Hunt Taunton H	(J. Hunt)	844	116	Mars FC	(M. Baber)	565	221	Allice	(I. Pigeon)	543
6	AS 4	(A. Boyland)	840	117	Come On You Rocks	(N. Ratcliffe)	564	222	Hisham's Haggie	(H. A. Rahim)	543
7	Edmo Utd	(D. Edmondson)	839	118	Neil Madrid	(G. Davidson)	563	223	Ebbey's 1st XI	(S. Baidick)	543
8	John Hunt Taunton G	(J. Hunt)	837	119	Yahoyah	(R. Calder)	563	224	Langley's Lads	(N. Finch)	543
9	Turner's Earners 5	(P. Turner)	835	120	Bob's Boys 5	(L. Hiron)	563	225	Lynne's Lions	(L. Hiron)	543
10	Beeston Celtic	(P. McGivern)	829	121	AJH	(K. Hughes)	563	226	Daniels Seishans	(V. Cox)	543
11	Pin Ups Two	(P. Tuelier)	828	122	Man City Free Zone	(D. Ingham)	563	227	Aaa	(T. Mills)	543
12	Nobby 32	(J. Brown)	828	123	DJS 2	(M. MacMillan)	562	228	Bob Hope And No Hope	(T. Blythe)	543
13	Nobby 11	(J. Brown)	825	124	Langton Longballs	(M. Ward)	562	229	Sunderland	(R. Keenan)	543
14	Nobby 29	(J. Hunt)	824	125	Star Chamber	(E. Kibby)	562	230	Lloyd's Barge	(D. Goodwin)	542
15	John Hunt Taunton F	(J. Hunt)	823	126	Totted Five	(L. Clark)	561	231	Glen Duffers	(S. Wilson)	541
16	Nobby 29	(J. Brown)	822	127	Supersubs	(J. Taylor)	560	232	Caught Lucky	(C. Wright)	541
17	Daggers	(V. Cox)	822	128	Animals	(J. Fyfe)	560	233	Mmm Fantasy Leaguers	(M. Madden)	541
18	Brain's Team	(S. Howes)	821	129	Caroline C	(S. A. Lockhurst)	560	234	Football Junkies	(J. Melling)	541
19	Bob's Boys 2	(R. Calder)	821	130	Botak United 1	(J. Pull)	559	235	Dad's Aces	(C. Dodd)	541
20	Nobby 21	(J. Brown)	819	131	Def Con 3	(M. Peck)	559	236	Dad's Aces	(D. A. Sutton)	541
21	Jabberwocky	(P. A. Amos)	819	132	Orvieto Classico	(J. Bradshaw)	558	237	The Loggers	(C. Wright)	540
22	Northampton AFC 3	(R. J. Ward)	817	133	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	558	238	Sad & Grim Team	(J. Swain)	540
23	Turner's Earners 3	(P. Turner)	816	134	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	558	239	Grafton Willows	(R. J. Brown)	540
24	Nobby 22	(J. Brown)	816	135	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	558	240	Val 1	(K. Howson)	540
25	John Hunt Taunton C	(J. Hunt)	814	136	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	557	241	Patel One	(S. Gray)	539
26	Nobby 23	(J. Brown)	811	137	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	557	242	St Bartholomew's	(J. M. Bartholomew)	539
27	Turner's Earners 1	(P. Turner)	809	138	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	557	243	Bumble Villa	(R. Bree)	539
28	Bladrunners	(P. Walters)	805	139	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	556	244	Kicking Arsenal	(David Swinburne)	539
29	Turner's Earners 6	(P. Turner)	804	140	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	556	245	DRS Select XI 2	(R. Preston)	539
30	Nobby 5	(J. Brown)	804	141	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	556	246	Robzteam2	(B. Poole)	539
31	Nobby 25	(J. Brown)	803	142	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	555	247	C	(P. Mills)	538
32	Inter The Bin	(J. Brown)	802	143	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	555	248	Davies Star Storm	(D. Steward)	538
33	12 Angry Men	(D. Cook)	801	144	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	554	249	Hammy's Heroes	(C. Scarlett)	538
34	John Hunt Taunton E	(J. Hunt)	800	145	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	554	250	Excellibur	(M. Tupper)	538
35	Partick Biliroo 3	(P. Froman)	800	146	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	554	251	Peatmoor Team 1	(S. Parnham)	538
36	Where's Ray Gone?	(J. Brown)	800	147	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	553	252	Charlie's Angels	(C. J. Yates)	538
37	Nobby 7	(J. Brown)	800	148	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	553	253	Sally In A Tiesles	(K. James)	538
38	Teddy Three	(S. Bear)	800	149	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	552	254	Grimm's Army	(J. Swain)	538
39	Hunter's Mob	(C. Hunter)	800	150	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	552	255	EJK's Unleashed	(E. J. Kitchen)	537
40	Noah's Ark	(G. P. Dolan)	800	151	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	551	256	JD 3	(J. Donaldson)	537
41	John Hunt Taunton F	(J. Hunt)	800	152	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	550	257	Always Portugal 4	(V. Guimaraes)	537
42	Dour Rangers 3	(J. Clayton)	800	153	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	550	258	Graham's Bungers	(G. Watson)	537
43	Nobby 20	(J. Brown)	800	154	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	549	259	Bunnet Elthos	(A. Sharpe)	537
44	Nobby 14	(J. Brown)	800	155	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	548	260	Skyline Sizzlers	(T. Gordon)	537
45	Set Against Oya	(S. Shipley)	800	156	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	548	261	Leeds Boys A	(D. F. H. G.)	537
46	Storm	(P. Mills)	800	157	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	548	262	Kingsbury Tn 1	(C. Wright)	537
47	Tulip's Tops	(D. Tulip)	800	158	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	548	263	Northen Lights	(G. Whiddell)	537
48	Raj Is Back To Kill 5	(R. Gohli)	800	159	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	548	264	Oct98-TTF Champ!	(M. Sladden)	536
49	John Hunt Taunton C	(J. Hunt)	800	160	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	548	265	Nellie's Heroes	(I. Fox)	536
50	James Boys 8	(M. Jones)	800	161	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	547	266	Shin City	(I. Doughty)	536
51	John Hunt Taunton C	(J. Hunt)	800	162	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	547	267	Leeds Boys A	(D. Lewis)	536
52	John Hunt Taunton C	(J. Hunt)	800	163	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	547	268	Shack Attack	(R. Shackleton)	535
53	Turner's Earners 4	(P. Turner)	800	164	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	547	269	Mullock's Maestros	(T. Mullock)	535
54	JUB Sports	(A. Bates)	800	165	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	547	270	Bob's Boys 6	(N. P. Lewis)	535
55	Joking	(P. Fellen)	800	166	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	547	271	What Ford Splash	(J. Prapton)	535
56	Tur	(P. Turner)	800	167	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	546	272	Best Defence	(T. Eden)	535
57	BCFC 1998	(J. Bithell)	800	168	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	546	273	Russ's Sexy Eleven	(J. Mooney)	534
58	Inter The Stand	(M. Ward)	800	169	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	545	274	Flying Ticks	(J. Macmillan)	534
59	Team C	(A. Lane)	800	170	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	545	275	Diplomatic Risk	(A. du Gay)	534
60	Nobby 34	(J. Brown)	800	171	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544	276	Sooty's Puppets II	(G. P. Ryan)	534
61	Caroline B	(A. Luckhurst)	800	172	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544	277	The Great Dane	(K. Booth)	533
62	Irwin's Best	(L. Sampson)	800	173	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544	278	JS August Monthly 1	(D. Stone)	533
63	Bladrunners	(P. Leader)	800	174	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544	279	Back In Bristol	(G. Thomas)	533
64	You're Not Very Well	(R. Laakowki)	800	175	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544	280	Orkney Flowers	(J. Staszewicz)	533
65	Thom Foolery FC	(M. Moran)	800	176	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544	281	Dynamo Hibs	(S. Miller)	533
66	Bob's Boys 4	(R. Calder)	800	177	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544				
67	Nobby 34	(J. Brown)	800	178	Inter The Bin	(J. Bradshaw)	544				
68	Schools For Goals	(K. Booth)	800								
69	ABC	(M. Baber)	800								

## FIND OUT HOW YOUR TEAM IS DOING



Check your points total and your ranking. You need a Touch-tone (DTMF) telephone (most push-button telephones with a \* and a hash key are Touch-tone) and your ten-digit selectors PIN. Calls made from public telephones may cost approximately twice as much.

Pos	Team	(Player's name)	Pts
69=	A2	(K Farhall)	58
70=	Garforth Seashawks	(I Doughty)	58
71	Krystonia 2	(S Roberts)	58
72	A	(M Corless)	58
73=	Inter The Pub	(M Ward)	58
74=	Gangsters	(A Lons)	58
75=	Always Portugal 1	(V Guimaraes)	58
75=	Apperghuys FC	(W Hisslop)	58
76=	Gesalt	(R Rowe)	57
80=	Bad Time Boys	(R Crook)	57
80=	Brainbrows United	(G Weiss)	57
82=	Benky Boys	(R Crook)	57
83=	Mean Machine	(P Ford)	57
83=	Chubby-30 Tosses	(A Robson)	57
85=	Born Losers	(P Farkins)	57
85=	Bubwith Utd 5	(M Larcombe)	57
85=	Kinky Imports	(S Fraser)	57
85=	Fortune Hunters	(K Farhall)	57
89=	Inter-The Wallet	(M Ward)	57
89=	Bob's Boys 3	(R Calkder)	57
91=	Enid Four	(J Feather)	57
91=	Concrete Banana	(S Mingle)	57
93=	Ball Watchers	(J Murray)	57
93=	Billy No Maths XI	(M Bremner)	57
93=	PJ Thistle	(R Newbould)	57
93=	Blythe Spartans	(T Blythe)	57
93=	Bob's Boys 1	(R Calkder)	57
93=	Afc	(M Baber)	57
93=	Simba's Dream	(C A Kitchen)	57
99=	Caroline D	(A Luchford)	57
101=	Layton's Lions 7	(R Lacey)	57
101=	PJB Rovers	(P J Badger)	57
101=	Jan 2	(J Clayton)	57
101=	Murray's Magicians	(M MacMillan)	57
101=	Inter The Unknown	(P Barnett)	57
106	Goaldiggers	(D Gurnon)	57
107=	RN3 3	(N Tanezis)	56
107=	1970 Is FC	(J Ross)	56
107=	Purple Rain	(G Gough)	56
107=	Raf Is Back To Kool 6	(R Gohal)	56
107=	Middle Magic	(J Pregon)	56

## The ITF players, their points and their values if you are considering the transfer option

## GOAL KEEPER

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	OV
10101	M Watt	Aberdeen	1.50	0	-11	
10102	N Walker	Aberdeen	1.00	0	-14	
10201	D Seaman	Arsenal	1.00	0	+33	
10202	V Bartram	Arsenal	0.75	0	+0	
10203	J Lukic	Arsenal	0.75	0	+1	
10301	M Oakes	Aston Villa	3.50	-1	+14	
10401	T Flowers	Aston Villa	1.00	0	-19	
10402	S Given	Blackburn Rovers	3.00	-1	+7	
10501	G Marshall	Blackburn Rovers	2.00	0	+4	
10502	S Kerr	Celtic	3.50	0	-1	
10601	D Kharine	Chelsea	3.00	+5	+36	
10602	K Hitchcock	Chelsea	2.50	0	+10	
10603	F Grodas	Chelsea	2.00	0	-27	
10701	S Ogrizovic	Coventry City	3.00	-2	-1	
10702	J Pitan	Coventry City	1.50	+4	-19	
10801	M Taylor	Derby County	1.00	-3	-3	
10802	R Houtt	Derby County	1.00	-11	-34	
10901	A Maxwell	Dundee United	0.50	0	+4	
10902	L Westwater	Dundee United	0.50	0	+10	
11001	N Southall	Dunfermline	0.50	-1	-48	
11101	P Gerrard	Everton	2.50	-4	-29	
11201	G Rousset	Hibernian	2.50	0	+17	
11301	J Leighton	Hibernian	1.50	+5	+25	
11401	D Lekovic	Kilmarnock	1.00	0	+5	
11501	M Beenev	Leeds United	1.50	0	+5	
11502	P Evans	Leeds United	0.25	0	+0	
11601	N Martyn	Leeds United	2.50	+5	+29	
11602	K Poole	Leeds United	1.00	0	-7	
11701	D James	Leeds United	1.00	+10	-14	
11702	A Warner	Liverpool	0.50	0	+0	
11801	P Schmeichel	Manchester United	5.00	-3	+2	
11802	R van der Gouw	Manchester United	1.00	0	+5	
11901	G Walsh	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-20	
11902	A Miller	Middlesbrough	1.50	0	-23	
11903	B Roberts	Middlesbrough	1.50	+5	+3	
11904	M Schwarzer	Middlesbrough	2.00	-1	-6	
12001	S Howie	Motherwell	1.50	0	-29	
12101	S Hishop	Newcastle United	4.00	0	+11	
12102	P Smit	Newcastle United	3.00	0	0	
12201	M Crossley	Nottingham Forest	2.50	-8	-40	
12202	A Fothergill	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	-2	
12203	T Wright	Nottingham Forest	0.75	0	+5	
12301	S Thomson	Raith Rovers	0.50	-4	-50	
12401	A Goram	Rangers	5.00	+3	+32	
12501	K Pressman	Sheffield Wednesday	2.00	+2	+11	
12502	M Clarke	Sheffield Wednesday	0.50	0	0	
12601	D Beasant	Southampton	1.00	0	-28	
12602	N Moss	Southampton	0.25	0	+2	
12701	M Taylor	Sunderland	1.00	-3	0	
12702	L Perez	Sunderland	0.50	-8	-26	
12801	A Coton	Sunderland	3.50	0	+9	
12802	I Walker	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	0	
12901	E Baardson	Tottenham Hotspur	0.50	0	-27	
12902	L Mikosko	West Ham United	2.00	0	-27	
12903	S Mautone	West Ham United	0.50	0	+5	
13001	N Sullivan	Wimbledon	1.00	+5	+12	
13002	P Heald	Wimbledon	1.00	-1	-1	



Bergkamp scores his second goal against Nottingham Forest. Five more ITF points for the Arsenal forward

## CENTRAL DEFENDERS

Code	Name	Team	Em	Pts	Wk	OV
30304	C Tiller	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+19	
30305	R Scimeca	Aston Villa	1.00	0	+24	
30401	C Hendry	Blackburn Rovers	4.00	+1	+34	
30402	I Pearce	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	0	
30403	C Coleman	Blackburn Rovers	2.50	0	-3	
30404	N Marker	Blackburn Rovers	0.50	0	+2	
30501	T Boyd	Celtic	3.00	0	+31	
30502	M MacKay	Celtic	1.50	+7	+40	
30503	A Stubbs	Celtic	3.50	+3	+20	
30504	B O'Neill	Celtic	3.00	0	+2	
30505	E Annoni	Celtic	3.00	+3	+6	
30601	M Duberry	Chelsea	2.50	0	+1	
30602	F Laboeuf	Chelsea	2.50	+2	+29	
30603	F Sinclair	Chelsea	2.00	0	-6	
30604	D Lee	Chelsea	2.00	0	+3	
30605	A Myers	Chelsea	1.50	-1	+9	
30701	L Daltch	Coventry City	2.00	0	+5	
30702	R Shaw	Coventry City	1.50	+4	+11	
30703	G Breen	Coventry City	1.50	+4	+4	
30704	A Evtushok	Coventry City	1.50	+4	+2	
30801	I Stimpac	Derby County	2.50	-6	-10	
30802	D Wassall	Derby County	1.00	0	0	
30803	P McGrath	Derby County	2.50	-5	-1	
30804	J Laursen	Derby County	1.00	0	+12	
30901	M Carbone	Dunfermline	0.50	0	+1	
30902	S Pressley	Dunfermline	1.00	0	+51	
31001	M Millar	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-1	
31002	I Den Bieman	Dunfermline	0.75	0	-17	
31101	D Unsworth	Everton	2.50	-1	+12	
31102	D Watson	Everton	2.50	-1	-9	
31103	C Short	Everton	2.00	0	-2	
31201	D McPherson	Hibernian	1.00	0	+19	
31202	P Ritchie	Hibernian	1.00	0	+25	
31301	J McLaughlin	Hibernian	0.50	0	+4	
31302	G Walsh	Hibernian	0.75	+3	+10	
31303	G Hunter	Hibernian	0.50	0	-3	
31304	S Dennis	Hibernian	1.00	0	-19	
31401	M Reilly	Kilmarnock	1.00	-2	-5	
31402	R Montgomerie	Kilmarnock	0.75	0	+27	
31501	R Wetherill	Leeds United	2.50	+4	+27	
31502	R Johnson	Leeds United	1.00	0	+2	
31503	L Radebe	Leeds United	1.00	0	+24	
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## Loan reply from First National

The finance director of First National, the Irish Republic's largest building society, has denied that it has relaxed its lending criteria to take advantage of current buoyancy in the housing market.

Tony Shanahan was responding to a warning by Ruairi Quinn, Minister for Finance, to institutions in the Republic to be prudent in lending at a time of double-digit inflation in the Irish house market.

First National, which yesterday again denied that it plans to go public, reported 1996 pre-tax profits of Ir£28 million, up 17 per cent. Gross new lending rose by 68 per cent, to Ir£580 million, with Ireland accounting for Ir£431 million and UK operations accounting for Ir£149 million.

First National last year acquired The Mortgage Corporation in Britain.

## Ipeco offer

Chris Johnson, chairman of Ipeco, the engineering company, has offered 90p a share for the 32 per cent not owned by him and family interests, valuing the issued share capital at £24.9 million. Shareholders would receive a 2.3p final dividend for 1996. The shares rose 10p, to 87½p.

## Insurer up

Domestic & General, the home appliance breakdown insurer, lifted pre-tax profits 9.4 per cent, to £5.9 million, in the half year to December 31. Turnover was £42.2 million, up 16 per cent. The interim dividend is 14.5p, up from 12.25p.

## Holiday role

Ian Clubb, executive deputy chairman of First Choice Holidays, is to become executive chairman on the retirement of Michael Julien from the board at the end of July.



David Potter, chairman of Psion, displaying some of the company's hand-held computers for industrial use yesterday

# Slimmed-down Laporte set to make acquisitions

By PAUL DURMAN

LAPORTE, the speciality chemicals group, said yesterday that it was ready to make acquisitions as it gave an update on last year's shake-up of its businesses.

Since Jim Leng took over as chief executive in October 1995, Laporte has cut employee numbers from about 7,600 to 5,500, and reduced the number of operating units by one third. This included December's £110 million sale of the European adhesives and sealants business, among them Evode, which helped Laporte to finish 1996 with net cash of £13m, wiping out the £180 million of borrowings that it had a year earlier.

Mr Leng said that Laporte had plenty of investment

ideas, and its acquisition ambitions are not restricted to small bolt-on deals, such as last month's purchase of Apex Lithography Services in the US. He said: "If we can find something larger, which will enhance value, we will do that as well. We have got the managerial resource and balance-sheet resource to do so."

Laporte said that potential buyers have expressed interest in its remaining adhesives businesses in the US and Italy. Jeremy Chantry, analyst at Kleinwort Benson, suggested that the US business could fetch £60 million.

Laporte was reporting annual pre-tax profits of £78.7 million, recovering from a depressed £24.5 million in

1995. Ignoring restructuring costs, profits rose by 12 per cent, to £127 million. Sales of the continuing businesses rose by 11 per cent to £918 million, and margins improved from 11.8 to 12.9 per cent.

The group will pay a higher final dividend of 15.75p on May 29, increasing the total for the year by 5.4 per cent to 24.25p a share.

Mr Leng said that efforts to cut costs and to refocus the group on growing markets was beginning to show through in Laporte's performance. However, he gave a warning that "a strong pound and competitive market conditions will make for a challenging backdrop for the current year". He went on: "We do not

expect that the general economic conditions for 1997 will offer any significant improvement from those experienced in 1996. We can, however, see some modest benefit from our businesses serving the bulk polymer industry where customer destocking has now largely come to an end. We expect that raw material costs will generally be stable."

The best-performing division was compounds and electronic materials, which supplies the silicon chip industry and other high-technology industries. Operating profits rose by 42 per cent, to £41.1 million, making it the group's largest business.

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## Shares in Psion slip as pound takes toll

By JON ASHWORTH

SHARES in Psion, the hand-held computer manufacturer, slid sharply yesterday on a warning that the strong pound is biting into margins. The shares fell 33p, to 400p, before recovering some ground to close at 407p.

The company, announcing upbeat final results, admitted that sterling is taking its toll, but said sales so far are well up on 1996. Psion sells about half its products overseas. Strong growth was seen in France, Germany, The Netherlands and Scandinavia. The company continues to struggle in America, where it lacks market presence and recently installed a new management team, but trading is showing an improvement.

Pre-tax profits rose 38 per cent, to £16.04 million (£11.65 million), on turnover of £124.2 million (£90.6 million). The profits would have been higher but for £1.52 million in professional fees linked to the possible acquisition of Amstrad, taken as an exceptional item. Earnings per share were 14.57p (10.75p). A final dividend of 1.6p (1.17p) a share makes a total of 2.25p (1.67p) a share for the year.

David Potter, chairman, said Psion was entering a period of change and transition in which he expected to benefit from new technology and new markets. "Psion's business is about development and change," he said.

Psion palmtop computers, including the Series 3c, had a good year, with sales rising 41 per cent, to £81.64 million (£57.76 million). Prudential has equipped 7,000 members of its sales force with Series 3c palmtops. The Siena was launched last September and took £8.5 million in the first four months. Datacommunication sales, principally of modems, rose 51 per cent, to £22.5 million (£14.87 million), and represented 18 per cent of group sales.

## BUSINESS ROUNDUP

## Hostile Lanica bid ruled out by CWS

CWS, Britain's largest co-operative retailer, dismissed speculation that Lanica Trust, the investment vehicle of Andrew Regan, would be able to launch a hostile bid for part of its business. "The board has total authority and has made clear that it has no wish to sell any of the CWS businesses," a spokesman said. He said that Mr Regan had not been in touch with the board, and it has no wish to hear from him.

Weekend reports suggested Lanica planned to appeal directly to individual co-op members, offering financial incentives. Lanica, through a shell company named Galileo, would attempt to raise up to £500 million to buy much of the non-food retailing business, which includes the funerals business and the Co-operative Bank. But the CWS emphasised that it is the CRS, the other leading Co-op retailer, are not mutuals. They are more like perpetual trusts in which the elected boards have total power and in which it would be difficult to unseat the board. Lanica was unavailable for comment.

## Spirax-Sarco held back

THE strong pound cost Spirax-Sarco Engineering, the steam equipment specialist, £6 million in the second half of last year, holding back pre-tax growth to 9 per cent at £47.1 million. The company, which generates three quarters of its profits from overseas, said UK businesses performed well over the year as margins gained 0.2 points to 17.7 per cent. Earnings rose to 38p a share (33.8p). A final dividend of 10.3p, due on May 19, lifts the total to 14.8p (13.2p).

## Koei seeks liquidation

KOEI CORP, a Japanese loan company, filed for court-protected liquidation with debts of more than 260 billion yen (about £1.25 billion). The collapse, in debt terms, is the biggest so far this year in Japan. Koei is an unlisted loan company involved in real estate-related lending. Koei buckled under the weight of debts resulting from aggressive lending in the 1980s, a period of soaring asset prices and unbridled consumption.

## Waterstone's record

WATERSTONE'S, the booksellers, is to open its biggest United Kingdom store in Glasgow. The five storey, 28,000 sq ft shop will also be the largest bookstore to open in Britain in the last 50 years. It will be sited in Sauchiehall Street near the massive Buchanan Galleries shopping centre, currently under construction. The store will feature a glass lift, cloakrooms, an Internet access area and a cafe lounge.

## Polypipe pulls ahead

POLYPIPE, the building materials company, lifted pre-tax profits 16 per cent to £11.3 million in the first half. It said that a switch from glass to plastic windows gathered pace over the last six months of 1996, with sales increasing 30 per cent. However, profits from its pipes and fittings arm eased 2 per cent. The company said that market conditions for the pipes were still uncertain. Earnings were 4.65p a share (4.06p). The interim dividend is 0.92p a share (0.83p), payable on April 30.

## Treats sees £1m fall

TREATS GROUP, the frozen confectionery producer, has reported a £1 million drop in profits last year. In the 12 months to December 31, pre-tax profits fell from £2.45 million to £1.42 million. The company, which was floated last June, blamed the poor summer, increased cold-storage costs and heavy start-up costs of new machinery. Earnings per share of 8.8p (pre-forma 16.5p) give a maiden full-year dividend of 3p (pre-forma 2.6p). The final dividend of 1.5p is payable on May 1.

## Sanderson Bramall up

SALES of luxury cars helped Sanderson Bramall, the fast-growing motor dealer, to achieve record pre-tax profits of £12.3 million last year, up from £9.3 million, in spite of a downturn in the truck market. New car sales rose by 14 per cent, to 18,800, beating 4 per cent growth in the market overall. Heavy-vehicle sales fell by 8.2 per cent. The dividend rises by 20 per cent, to 4.5p, with a final 3.2p due on May 1. The shares, at a 308p high six months ago, rose 1½p to 257½p yesterday.

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## Summary results for the year to 31 December 1996

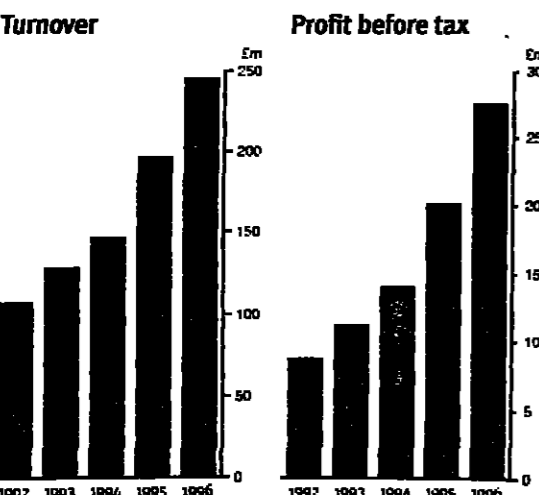
	1996	1995*	Increase
Turnover	£245.2m	£196.5m	25%
Operating profit	£26.9m	£19.7m	36%
Profit before tax	£27.5m	£20.1m	37%
Profit after tax	£17.1m	£12.5m	37%
Earnings per share	27.4p	21.0p	30%
Final dividend	4.0p	3.2p	25%

(payable on 20 May 1997 to all shareholders on the register on 18 April 1997. Ex-dividend date is 14 April 1997.)

\*1995 figures exclude flotation expenses

## Highlights

- Group operating margin up from 10% to 15%
- Operating profits in the UK increase by 69%
- Substantial organic turnover and profit growth in The Netherlands
- Staff numbers rise 30% to exceed 3,500 at year end



Commenting on the outlook for the year ahead, CMG Chairman, Cor Stutterheim said, "The year has started well and we expect 1997 to be a year of further good growth for CMG. In The Netherlands, we aim to continue growing faster than the market and to maintain our margins in the 14% to 16% range. In the UK, we are aiming for continued growth in turnover and profit, while at the same time budgeting for a considerable investment in our banking and insurance software products to keep them ahead of the competition and to open up new markets in Europe. In Germany, we have restructured our operations and expect an improved performance in the coming year. The overall effect will be for the Group to show further good profitable growth in 1997, even though we publish our accounts in Sterling, which is currently much stronger than in 1996."

CMG plc is a leading European IT services group. Established in 1964, CMG now operates in more than 30 countries from its bases in the UK, The Netherlands and Germany. The Group is listed on the London and Amsterdam Stock Exchanges.

CMG supplies systems development, management consultancy and advanced technology services in the finance, transport, trade & industry, energy, telecommunications and public sectors. The Group also provides managed information processing services, including payroll and personnel.

Copies of the full 1996 Annual Report, which will be sent to shareholders during April, may be obtained from Michael Harrington, Group Communications, CMG plc, Telford House, Tothill Street, London SW1H 9NB. Tel: 0171-233 0288.

## Energy Group buys US power trader

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE ENERGY GROUP, the demerged Hanson offshoot that owns Eastern, the UK electricity generator and distributor, has bought a major power broker in the US.

It is to pay up to £75 million for Citizens Lehman Power, one of the top five power traders in the deregulating US market. The Energy Group, which has 60 per cent of its assets in the UK, said that the purchase was the first step towards becoming a fully integrated power business in the US, where it already owns Peabody Coal.

The company believes it can bring energy trading expertise from Eastern Group, which bought power stations from National Power and PowerGen, to its new US business.

The Energy Group is to pay an initial consideration of £12.5 million for Citizens Lehman Power, which was formed three years ago, with a payment equivalent to the business's net assets at the end of June deferred until March 2000. Additional payments may be made, linked to profit goals, with a maximum payment possible of £75 million.

## Pilot goes to Scottish Value

COLIN McLEAN, head of Scottish Value Management, has won control of Pilot Investment Trust (Gavin Lumsden writes). SBC Warburg declared the £47.9 million offer by SVM's Undervalued Assets Trust unconditional after it gained the support of 51.6 per cent of ordinary shareholders and 42.3 per cent of warrant holders last Friday.

SVM has replaced Rutherford Asset Management as the fund's manager and John Lloyd, UAT director, has replaced the Pilot directors.

Pilot's net asset value of £53 million has risen by only 17 per cent in four years. UAT plans to pay a special dividend to Pilot shareholders.

## TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia \$	2.14	1.98
Austria Sch	20.20	18.70
Belgium Fr	36.25	34.99
Canada \$	2.303	2.143
Cyprus Cyp£	0.848	0.783
Denmark Kr	10.99	10.19
Finland Mk	8.75	8.10
France F	9.82	8.97
Germany Dm	2.89	2.81
Greece Dr	447	421
Hong Kong \$	13.82	12.82
Iceland P	120	100
Ireland P	1.08	1.00
Israel Sh	5.68	5.04
Italy Lira	2850	2675
Japan Yen	209.10	193.10
Malta	0.656	0.601
Netherlands Gld	3.228	2.996
New Zealand \$	2.43	2.21
Norway Kr	11.99	10.79
Portugal Esc	286.00	267.50
Spain Ptas	166.38	153.63
Sweden Kr	243.00	228.00
Switzerland S	12.90	12.10
Taiwan N\$	10.49	9.21
Turkey Lira	210000	196000
USA \$	1.702	1.572

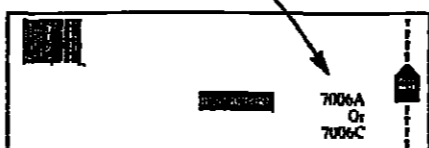
Notes: For small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

## PRODUCT RECALL

### Jacob's Cream Crackers

The Jacob's Bakery regrets to announce that due to a mechanical failure on the 6th January 1997 a small quantity of cream cracker packs both 200g and 300g may contain traces of metal.

The production codes to note are 7006A on the 200g pack and 7006C on the 300g pack. They can be found on the back of the pack as illustrated below.



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## The buck stops at the top

THE IMPOSING Rosalind Wright had a busy day yesterday. She had to dash from a Securities and Futures Authority board meeting to the Serious Fraud Office, to answer questions about her new role as chief investigator there. For those who have difficulty distinguishing between all these similarly titled regulators, the SFA is the one that catches City operators up to no good and fines them. The SFO is the one that fails to achieve convictions.

With SFA penalties the rule is, the larger the fine, the less effective the fine. So Hole-in-the-Wall Brokers is hit with £750,000, and goes under. Megabank Corporation is fined the same, and the sum barely tracks on its internal accounts.

The main item on the agenda at the SFA was how far up the firm responsibility goes. The Securities and Investments Board, the chief regulator, is looking at the same thing. This is of abiding fascination in the week the NatWest decides how many will have to carry the can, apparently for the activities of one trader. The signs are the fall-out will be widespread, and a good thing too. This offers one way out of the bonus maze the City has worked its way into.

The problem with rogue traders is that, unless there is clear dishonesty, the employer's only

sanction is the sack. A dealer in a hole has every reason to keep digging. Employers who virtuously hold back from linking performance to huge bonuses will simply be priced out of the market. The big hitters on the dealing floor will go elsewhere, and if they foul up then move on again — the man at the centre of the NatWest affair seems to have had no difficulty finding employment. Firms playing the bonus game merely gamble that one of their employees does not turn out to be a rogue player. It is a risk most are prepared to take.

But import here an idea from the criminal law, of strict liability. Some crimes, such as traffic offences, do not require proof that they were intended. Apply this to the supervisors; if there was wrong-doing in their department, they cannot plead ignorance; they take the rap, along with the underlings. Extend it further, to compliance officers. Firms would still have to find them, but their pay and abilities would have to be sufficient to attract the right calibre of people for the job, rather than passed-over deadbeats paid a pittance.

It used to be done this way; remember Blue Arrow, when all those high-fliers lost their jobs because if they did not know, they should have? It might seem harsh, but there is nothing like the knowledge that your subordinate's failings might cost you your job to encourage strict supervision, and ensure bonuses are genuinely earned.

As the situation stands, some scandals risk being thrown to the SFO for a bungled prosecution because there is nothing between a prosecution and a polite let-off by the regulator. So we could even save Ms Wright, in her new role, a bit of work.

### Fashion-shunning Wassall looks fine

A CLUTCH of business consultants have just produced a hit list of companies that deserve to be demerged or otherwise disintegrated, under the arresting title *When Large Companies are Worth More Dead than Alive*. Of Britain's Top 50 companies, they say, 60 per cent should be considering dis-

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mantling themselves before someone else does it for them.

Ho hum. The demerger bug has been around for most of the 1990s, helped by the success of the ICI-Zeneca split. However, the virus has taken a beating from disappointments such as Hanson and the dismal showing of Thorn shares of late. Plus, demerger has achieved the status of received wisdom, the stage at which it should be most rigorously challenged, because it is when fashion trends are at their most widespread that they are next for the scrapheap.

Flying the flag for conglomerates during the wilderness years has been Wassall, a business run by ex-Hanson executives that yesterday came in

with a convincing justification for its deep unfashionability. Wassall has turned \$270 million of its shareholders' money into \$750 million in three years, while taking out \$100 million in dividends, by buying an underperforming cable manufacturer and putting it up for the market.

This is where Chris Miller, Wassall's chief executive, runs ahead of the rest of the conglomerates pack. The aim is "increasing value for its shareholders, not the creation of an ever larger business portfolio". This investment trust approach requires the discipline to sell when market conditions allow, and the skill to pick up underperforming assets on a regular basis.

Miller and his team have managed it for a decade now. It sounds like Maoist-style "permanent revolution": Miller prefers to talk of two steps forward and then one step back. He can afford to pay as much as £300 million on the next deal without troubling shareholders. Wassall shares, held last year by misplaced fears over copper prices, have been shooting ahead since, but a forward

price/earnings multiple of 15 for this year if you keep General Cable in suggests that they have further to go.

### Time for Opra for take a rap

BEFORE they are granted their franchises, commercial television companies have to make all sorts of promises about quality to the Independent Television Commission. These may be highly subjective — and spare a brief thought for the ITC minion required to quality-test Carlton — but they are at least checked. Scrap all that worthy, boring stuff in favour of US cop shows, and you will be punished — the ITC has fined Granada £500,000, for example, for refusing to heed criticism over product plugging. A defaulting broadcaster can theoretically be thrown off the job.

A pity our journeys to work are seen as less worthy of rigorous policing than the contents of the idiot box. The disgraceful cynicism of Stagecoach, which runs South West Trains, is matched

by the pathetic response from the rail regulator. Fines for months of disruption will be negligible — at most, rather less than Granada suffered. Worse, Stagecoach has been playing the rulebook lawyer and concentrating the cancellations on off-peak or short-distance trains, which attract smaller fines.

Clearly the structure of fines set up for the Office of Passenger Rail Franchising is inadequate — except that Opra is refusing to discuss that structure. Now Brian Cox, managing director of South West Trains, has been called before the Commons Select Committee on Transport. He should swiftly be followed by John O'Brien, the supreme head of Opra, to explain whether he has inadequate authority to do his job — or whether he is simply not prepared to.

### Nomura uno

FANS of City self-regulation might cast a weary eye over the latest drama in Tokyo. Nomura has been forced into a round of corporate penitence over dodgy share dealing. But even the final sanction, a suspension of own-account deals, will not be enough to knock the broker off the top slot in the Japanese market, because its sheer size acts as a magnet for business. No Nomura has become too big to regulate.

### Stagecoach to open new routes

Stagecoach, the bus and rail group, is poised to open new routes in greater Glasgow, creating a total of 250 jobs.

The company says that the express routes, many of which will use the motorway network, would offer frequent fast services with new state-of-the-art buses and low fares.

It is expected that the first services will begin on April 24, this year. So far £10 million has been invested in the express services.

### Ardagh break

Ardagh, the Dublin glass-maker, is to shut down production for one week at Easter to reduce its stock levels. Ardagh reported pre-tax profits of £1.33 million (£1.28 million) for the six months to December 1995. An interim dividend of 1.15p, up 10 per cent, is due on April 11.

### CMG up 37%

CMG, the computer software and services group, raised pre-tax profits 37 per cent to £27 million in the year to December 31 on sales up 25 per cent to £245 million. Earnings rose 30 per cent to 27.4p a share, giving a total dividend for the year of 6p (4.45p).

### Sidney rise

Charles Sidney, the vehicle distribution group, raised pre-tax profits to £6 million in the 16 months to December 31 from £3.6 million in the year to August 1995. Total dividends rise from 3.7p to 4.2p, with a 2.9p final, out of earnings increased from 7.3p to 10.1p.

## German purchase gives £20m boost to IMI

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

A PUSH by IMI, the specialist engineering group, to expand its overseas activities helped to lift underlying pre-tax profits 30 per cent in 1996.

Much of the boost for the company, whose activities extend from building products to drinks dispensing, came from its purchase last year of Heineter, Germany's biggest maker of thermostatic radiator valves.

Heineter's contribution lifted operating profits in IMI's building products division 66 per cent with a first-year contribution of £20.3 million.

This came against a backdrop of difficult trading conditions in Germany, IMI said, although it added that the impact of the strength of sterling had been negligible.

IMI, of which Sir Eric Pountain is chairman, said that ISI Automation, the US producer of pneumatic components bought for £89 million last November, should enhance earnings this year. IMI is looking for further bolt-on acquisitions. With gearing at 11 per cent, the company said that it had ample scope for further growth.

Last week the company spent £24 million on Wilshire, the drinks dispenser, the sales of which it intends to boost through IMI's worldwide distribution network. Overall, IMI's pre-tax profits for the year to December 31 increased to £161.1 million, from £87.2 million.

There was a profit of £64.3 million from disposals, with the bulk coming from the sale of shares in Timet, a titanium business into which IMI transferred its titanium operations last year.

However, IMI has also been hit by a £25 million charge to cover closure costs and asset write-offs at its Yorkshire Alloys division.

The closure of the business was announced last month after "another year of unacceptable losses".

IMI's overhaul of its businesses last year saw the company spend £239 million on new ones, while realising a total of £130 million in selling existing parts.

The final dividend, payable on May 19, rises 16 per cent to 8p a share. The final dividend payment makes a total of 13p for the year, a 13 per cent increase on the 1995 total.

Earnings per share rose from 16.4p to 31.5p a share and on an adjusted basis increased from 20.1p to 25.7p.



Gary Allen, chief executive, left, with Sir Eric Pountain

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### British Vita earmarks £100m for acquisitions

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BRITISH VITA, the foams and fibre group, is looking to spend up to £100 million on one or more acquisitions in the next 18 months.

Jim Mercer, chief executive, says the company is looking for acquisition opportunities on mainland Europe, the Far East and the Americas. It is also on the look out for bolt-on acquisitions for about £10 million to £15 million.

The company yesterday revealed a healthy set of 1996 results, which sent its shares up 6.5 per cent. In the 12 months to December 31, pre-tax profit was £57.2 million, compared with £35.7 million. The company's shares rose 13.4p to 223.4p as several analysts upped their forecasts to more than £60 million for the current year.

Bob McGee, chairman, said business had been buoyant in the UK and US, but subdued in France and Germany.

The strengthening of sterling in the final quarter had had only a modest impact on the trading results.

Earnings per share on continuing operations before exceptional items were 17.2p (15.4p). The final dividend of 4.25p (4p) per share gives a full-year dividend of 8.25p (7.95p). It is due to be paid on May 12.

### Persimmon head confident on housing recovery

By ALASDAIR MURRAY

DUNCAN DAVIDSON, the chairman of Persimmon, yesterday predicted that the recovery in the housebuilding industry would spread from the South East to the rest of the country this year.

Mr Davidson does not expect the election to hold back the market and says he remains confident about the industry's long-term future.

Persimmon, Britain's third largest housebuilder, is anticipating its average sale price to rise about 7 per cent to £80,000 this year.

The company unveiled a 96 per cent rise in full-year profits, excluding tax and exceptional items, to £36 million. Persimmon said it was already seeing benefits from Ideal Homes, which it bought for £177 million a year ago.

Earnings per share, excluding exceptional items, rose two-thirds to 16.6p. Gearing declined to 29 per cent, compared with a forecast rate of 50 per cent. Persimmon shares rose 3p to a new high of 263.4p.

Overall turnover increased 80 per cent to £448 million, while exceptional charges totalled £3.2 million.

Persimmon said that it completed just over 6,000 sales last year and was aiming to raise them 10 per cent in 1997. The land bank increased from 23,600 plots to 27,030 at March 1 this year, aided by the ideal purchase.

Group operating margins were 11 per cent. The total dividend was maintained at 9.5p, with a final dividend of 6.5p payable on April 28.

### Fairey faces payoff costs of £800,000

By FRASER NELSON

FAIREY, the engineering group that bought rival Burnfield for £60 million six weeks ago, is facing costs of up to £800,000 after paying off the instrument manufacturer's former management.

The company, which has already paid fees of about £1 million for its hostile bid, said that the costs would almost entirely stem from severance fees payable to the 13 executives who manned the company's head office.

Brian McCowan, Burnfield's chairman — who is also chairman of House of Fraser — is understood to have settled for a

luxury car without a cash payment. John Poulter, Fairey's chief executive, said only the managers of Burnfield's main operating divisions would retain their jobs.

After buying two American engineering companies for £131 million last year, Fairey's pre-tax profits rose 29 per cent to £44 million for 1996, on sales up 26 per cent to £247 million.

Earnings were 32p (17p) per share, and the dividend rises to 9p (8p) with a final 6.15p. It is due June 13. The shares fell 9p to 617.4p yesterday.

## Premier seeks partner in Albanian venture

By CARL MORTIMER

PREMIER OIL, the exploration group, is seeking a partner to take up a quarter share in its Albanian joint venture. Premier produces about 5,000 barrels of oil per day and said that operations continue in spite of civil unrest. Four expatriate staff have

been moved to Tirana from Fier, a town near the Patos-Marine oilfield. "At the moment our main concern is staff security," Charles Jamieson, Premier's chief executive, said.

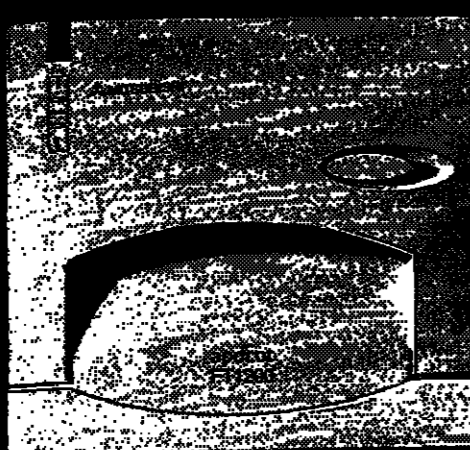
Premier is in talks with several oil companies with a view to reducing its half share in Anglo Albanian Petroleum to 25 per cent. Mr Jamieson said

that the intention was to bring in a new partner with technical expertise in heavy oil. Premier hopes to increase production from 5,000 to 20,000 barrels per day over three to four years.

Premier yesterday reported an 80 per cent increase, to £45.3 million, in net profit after tax. Cashflow surged 70 per cent to £62 million after an increase in

oil and gas production of more than a third, to 32,000 barrels per day, and higher oil prices. Mr Jamieson said Premier would spend £40 million drilling 25 to 30 wells in eight countries. There is a dividend of 0.55p (0.5p) after earnings of 4.44p (2.63p).

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## STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

## Another record close as inflation worries recede

SHARE prices closed at another record high and government securities scored useful gains as receding worries about inflation and the increasingly favourable outlook for interest rates cheered sentiment.

The FTSE 100 index touched a new intra-trading high of 4,440.8 before ending 17.1 points up at a closing peak of 4,437.4.

A positive start to trading on Wall Street and reassurances from Eddie George, the Governor of the Bank of England, that the Government was likely to hit its 2.5 per cent inflation target by the middle of the year were warmly received by investors.

Mr George's comments were underpinned by subdued input and output prices. The overseas earnings celebrated sterling's fall against other currencies on persistent suggestions that economic monetary union would be delayed.

Trading generally appeared thin and this was reflected in the overall turnover level that saw 734 million shares change hands. But the market shrugged off the ill-effects of a large number of blue chip companies going ex dividend. These included British Aerospace, up 1.2p at £13.56, Abbey National, 3.2p off at 77.9p, Standard Chartered, 7p down at 89.3p, and Commercial Union, 25p down at 707.2p.

NatWest Securities, the broker, has been taking a look at the oil sector and likes what it sees. Top of its shopping list is Shell, up 1.1p at £10.93.

Monument Oil & Gas firmed 2.2p to 86.4p in heavy turnover that saw almost two million shares change hands. The group is seen as a possible bid target for Enterprise Oil, 4p cheaper at 63.7p. Brokers say that Enterprise is on the lookout for suitable acquisitions. Premier Oil finished 1.5p firmer at 38p on the back of figures.

Tullow Oil was a strong market, adding 6.2p at 101.2p after arousing investors' attention with the news that it was pursuing a number of exploration and development projects off West Africa and India.

Hambro Countrywide, the estate agent, rose 2p to a new high of 130p. The continuing revival in the housing market has been good news for the group and now Lord Hambro has topped up his holding in the company with the purchase of 150,000 shares at



John White, chief finance director of Persimmon, left, and Duncan Davidson, chairman, saw the shares rise

128p. It doubles his total holding to 300,000 shares.

Wassall, the industrial conglomerate, provided much early interest as the price touched 387p before settling 22.2p dearer at 376p after announcing plans to demerge General Cable, its copper wire business. Wassall also intends returning £150 million to shareholders by way of an

Utility Cable is nudging towards its peak of 174p, with a rise of 1.2p to 164p, after a "buy" recommendation from Greig Middleton, the broker. It says the group is widening its customer-base to offset a fall in the core cable TV business. The shares are cheap, underpinned by a strong balance sheet, and are due a re-rating.

issue of "B" shares. It will still boast cash resources of £200 million once the deal is completed. TGL, in which Wassall already has a 4 per cent stake, rose 4.5p to 124.5p.

Brokers gave a warm reception to full-year figures from Laporte, up 26.2p at 69.5p, at the top end of expectations. Brokers have begun upgrading their profit forecasts for

the current year. HSBC James Capel has raised its number by £3 million to £136 million. A better than expected performance from British Vita, the polymers group, boosted the shares 13.2p to 223.2p. Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, the broker, has raised its forecast for the current year by £4 million to £63 million.

IMI jumped 23.2p to 387.2p on the back of some impressive profit figures and an upbeat statement about current trading. Brokers such as Credit Lyonnais Laing think the shares look cheap.

The benefits of the £177 million acquisition of Ideal Homes are already being felt at Persimmon, the house-builder where Duncan Davidson is chairman. Last year

saw the group virtually double profits to £36.3 million. The shares firmed 3p to 263.4p. A veiled profits warning left Psion, the electronic organiser group, 24p down at 408.2p. Volatile currency movements and increased competition could both punch a hole in profits. Profits last year grew from £11.65 million to £16 million.

A drop in profits left Treats Group nursing a fall of 8p at 132.2p and Arthur Cohen reacted badly to Friday's news that production difficulties and stock losses would cost the group dearly. It finished 13.7p down at 342.2p.

Eidos was another casualty, dropping 120p to 88.5p after announcing plans to raise \$50 million by way of a bond issue.

News of a possible bid for the company lifted Ipesco Holdings 10p to 87.2p. The approach has come from Chris Johnson, chairman, and could lead to an offer of almost £25 million, or 90p a share. Mr Johnson already owns 68 per cent of the company.

On the Alternative Investment Market shares of Dobbies Garden Centres got off to a flying start on the first day of dealings after a placing by Bell Lawrie, the broker, at 200p. The price opened at 240p and touched a high of 260p before closing at 265p, a premium of 65p.

Ushers of Trowbridge, the regional brewer, also made its debut, with the price opening at 119.2p after a placing at 110p. The shares closed at their best of the day with a rise of 13.2p at 123.2p.

■ GILT-EDGED: A subdued set of producer price numbers enabled the London bond market to outperform German bunds, with the best gains reserved for longer dated issues. After an early mark-up, prices received an additional boost from the latest economic data showing factory gate prices unchanged in February.

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt finished 1/4p better at £11 1/4 in thin trading that saw just 41,000 contracts completed.

In longs, Treasuries at 80 1/2, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was £1 firmer at £103 1/2.

■ NEW YORK: Wall Street stocks were higher in early trading. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 38.86 points to 7,039.75.

## MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	7039.75 (+38.86)
S&P Composite	809.43 (+4.46)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Average	18113.80 (+44.85)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	13268.76 (+68.59)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	769.96 (+5.00)
Sydney:	
AO	2461.9 (+23.4)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	3436.07 (+59.87)
Singapore:	
Strait	2172.48 (+5.79)
Brussels:	
General	12360.07 (+70.65)
Paris:	
CAC 40	2709.21 (+40.93)
Zurich:	
SEA Gen	968.80 (+6.03)
London:	
FT 100	4437.4 (+17.1)
FTSE 100	4437.4 (+17.1)
FTSE 250	4732.2 (+15.4)
FTSE 350	2191.6 (+4.2)
FTSE 1000	2210.55 (+19.49)
FT All-Share	2161.13 (+7.49)
FT Non Financials	2213.08 (+11.81)
FT Financials	119.99 (+0.14)
FT Govt Secs	95.9 (+0.2)
Bargains	5991
SEA Volume	734.2m
US:	
Dollar	1.6017 (+0.0035)
German Mark	2.7279 (+0.0011)
Exchange Index	97.3 (+0.8)
Bank of England official rate	6.00p
ECU	1.3972
ESR	1.1674
RPI	154.4 Jan (2.8%) Jan 1997 to 1998
RPIX	153.9 Jan (3.1%) Jan 1997 to 1998

## RECENT ISSUES

Anglo-Wealth	103p
Aortech	122p
Birmingham City	58
C&S Publishing	175
Calidore Wrs	14p
Cambridge Mini Res	14p
Centrica (75%)	64p
Core Group	331p
Dobbies Grdn Ctrs	265
Energy Group (52%)	538
Givewood Csh Sys	188p
Howie	30p
Infobank Int	179
Nord Anglo Edm	164p
Psd Group	280p
Screen	6
TK Euro Gwth Wts	61
Technoplast	110
Usher of Trowbridge	123p
VFG	41p

## MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Osborne & Little	880p (+55p)
Bar & Wallace	375p (+22p)
Acom Corp	212p (+10p)
Acorn	192p (+8p)
Laporte	685p (+26p)
Booker	356p (+12p)
Glyndwr	306p (+10p)
Cater Allen	451p (+14p)
Yale Catto	370p (+11p)
Spandax	240p (+10p)
BTR	284p (+8p)
TI	555p (+15p)
JBA Holdings	806p (+21p)
Shield Gap	617p (+12p)
FALLS:	
A Cohen	400p (-60p)
BLP Group	109p (-10p)
Adam & Harvey	330p (-25p)
Avocat	225p (-15p)
Scotia	570p (-35p)
Psion	408p (-24p)
N Brown	580p (-18p)
Procter & Gamble	502p (-15p)
Fairway Group	613p (-13p)
Greenall Group	548p (-6p)
Poyper	240p (-14p)
HTV Group	343p (-8p)

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## TEMPUS

## Why the dogs are quiet

THE DOG that didn't bark is the curiosity of this round of company results. Late last year, the market was filled with gloom over the prospect of a setback for cyclical engineering, chemical and paper companies. Continued weakness in mainland Europe was worrying exporters while the strong pound threatened to destroy the cost advantage of British companies over their continental competitors. It seemed as though the sterling/mark exchange rate might undo the entire competitive edge of British industry, so beloved of those politicians who pointed to the anti-competitive folly of European social legislation.

In January, the market gloom worsened as anecdotal evidence suggested that Christmas sales had been weak. In the end, sales were not bad for the stronger retailers. Meanwhile, the results season has been positively upbeat.

## Laporte

JIM LENG's arrival as chief executive of Laporte 18 months ago sent the chemical group's shares to an all-time high of 949p. Yet within weeks, the highly regarded Mr Leng was ousted by company chairman Ken Minton, the architect of Laporte's growth for the last two decades, and launched an unexpected overhaul of the group's businesses at a cost of nearly £90 million. The shares have still to recover.

The recent sale of Laporte's European adhesives business, based around Evode and Evisk, largely completed the restructuring. Shorn of a third of its operating units and 2,000 employees, the group claims to be seeing the benefits of its actions.

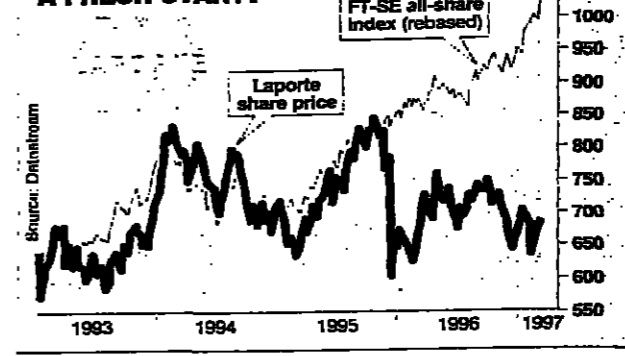
Although cynics might doubt the need for these

changes, and certainly the manner of their execution, Mr Leng rejects the charge that the asset writedowns have simply lowered the hurdles. He chants the familiar mantra about focus, and recites an impressive battery of statistics - higher returns on capital, better margins, stronger cash generation, reduced working capital - to

demonstrate that Laporte is coming good.

The group may raise a further £60 million or so from selling US adhesives, making resource available for acquisitions. But the City wants to see organic growth, rather than dealmaking. The company still has much to prove but this recovery probably has further to run.

## A FRESH START?



## Premier Oil

LAST year, Premier Oil poured £35 million into oil wells but at the year end had little to show. Another £40 million is to be invested this year in 25 wells. Why should investors be more confident this time round? By focusing on Asian gas through investments in Burma, Pakistan and Indonesia, and low-cost entry into oil prospects in Cuba and Albania, Premier reckons it has exposure to a potential unrisken 700 million barrels. From that it hopes to achieve a success rate of one barrel per pound of wells drilled, or 40 million barrels.

Given its recent performance that would be a fine achievement. Premier is a curiosity in the exploration sector because of its range of investments in countries such as Burma, Cuba and Albania. The rationale is that by accepting higher levels of political risk, a small oil company can obtain large

tracts of acreage cheaply. But Premier's success in Burma raises questions about how it will convert paper gains into dollar bills.

The Yetaun gas has been found and sold on long-term contract to a Thai power company. All that remains is the development risk of offshore platforms and pipelines. Logically, a small company like Premier should sell out. However, Premier is reluctant. The company reckons there is more gas in the area to go, although drilling has been unsuccessful so far. But ultimately, the question is price and the answer may be politics. American oil companies, fearing trade sanctions, are unlikely to rush to Burma, while others may demand a discount for the political risk.

Premier's analysis of the bright prospects for Asian gas is probably correct but in the short term, the share price is being buoyed by speculation about a takeover by Amerasia Hess, its large

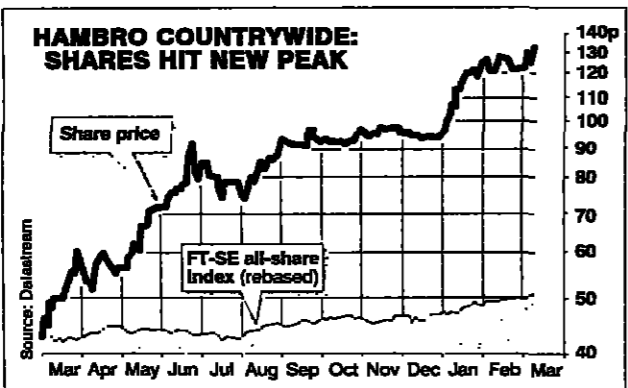
shareholder. However, keeping Premier's controversial investments at arm's length may be in the best interests of the American investor.

## IMI

IMI's sparkling figures drew a lot of support from last year's purchases of Heimeier, a German company that makes radiator valves and contributed £20 million to the 1996 profits. However, Heimeier itself didn't grow much over the past year, despite its success in exporting valves to the UK market.

Curiously, organic growth came from IMI's basic building products, such as copper fittings and tubes, a sector that many believed was still awaiting growth in new housing. With better growth expected in Germany this year and a £10 million contribution from ISI, the pneumatics acquisition, IMI is set for another good year.

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## GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

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Italian Govt Bond (BTP)	Mar 967.80 May 1024.00
Japanese Govt Bond (JGB)	Mar 967.80 May 1024.00

## DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.5997-1.6001
Belgium (Com)	1.3511-1.3517
Canada	1.5121-1.5127
Denmark	8.46-8.47
France	5.7453-5.7472
Germany	1.7054-1.7059
Hong Kong	7.75-7.76
Ireland	1.5545-1.5565
Italy	1.926-1.9264
Japan	1.2175-1.2175
Malaysia	2.4779-2.4788
Netherlands	1.6180-1.6185
Portugal	1.4316-1.4321
Singapore	1.4316-1.4321
Spain	1.66-1.67
Sweden	7.5985-7.5990
Switzerland	1.7120-1.7130

## OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso	1.5997-1.6001
Australia dollar	1.5997-1.6001
Bahrain dinar	1.5997-1.6001
China yuan	1.5997-1.6001
Cyprus pound	1.5997-1.6001
Greece drachma	1.5997-1.6001
Hong Kong dollar	1.5997-1.6001
Indonesia rupiah	1.5997-1.6001
Kuwait dirham	1.5997-1.6001
Malaysia ringgit	1.5997-1.6001
New Zealand dollar	1.5997-1.6001
Saudi Arabia riyal	1.5997-1.6001
Singapore dollar	1.5997-1.6001
Taiwan dollar	1.5997-1.6001
US dollar	1.5997-1.6001

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## FTSE VOLUMES

FTSE 100	4437.4
FTSE 250	4732.2
FTSE 350	2191.6
FTSE 1000	2210.55
FT All-Share	2161.13
FT Non Financials	2213.08
FT Financials	119.99
FT Govt Secs	95.9

## MEAT &amp; LIVESTOCK

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## LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

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## MONEY RATES (%)

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Discount Market Loans	5.00%
Treasury Bills (14 days)	5.00%
3 month	5.00%
6 month	5.00%
12 month	5.00%

## EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

7 day	5.00%
1 month	5.00%
3 month	5.00%
6 month	5.00%
12 month	5.00%

## GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird &amp; Co)

Gold Bullion	349.80-350.10
Gold Bars	349.80-350.10
Gold Coins	349.80-350.10
Gold Jewellery	349.80-350.10
Gold Scrap	349.80-350.10
Gold Wire	349.80-350.10
Gold Foil	349.80-350.10
Gold Sheet	349.80-350.10
Gold Plate	349.80-

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DIARYLittlewoods  
pays the price

LITTLEWOODS Home Shopping has come unstuck over a direct-mailing campaign for Index Extra, the home shopping catalogue. The mailing that offered "the lowest prices in home shopping... and that's a promise" made specific price comparisons of Index Extra prices with those of other home shopping companies. Grattan in particular, disgruntled that Littlewoods omitted to mention that it imposes a delivery charge on sales of lower value items, which Grattan doesn't, the Bradford-based mail order company complained to the Advertising Standards Authority. The complaint has been upheld.

## Deflated

VAUXHALL MOTORS has also had the air let out of its direct-mailing campaign. Sent in a plain brown envelope stamped "Warning - blue material, enclosed for fun-loving adults only", it contained information about a special edition blue Vauxhall Tigra. Vauxhall argued that the mail pack was designed to show the Tigra as a cheeky and mischievous car, but the ASA objected after a complainant deemed it both "offensive" and "embarrassing".

NATWEST's corporate banking division has persuaded Steven Redgrave to pick up his oars. To raise money for Comic Relief, the Olympic gold medalist, who asked to be shot if he ever got into a boat again, will be taking part in a nine-hour 67.2km rowathon.



Redgrave back in the boat for Comic Relief

## Party line

IT'S bonus time at Argent. To celebrate the completion of BT's new headquarters in Brindley Place, Birmingham, staff at the property developer yesterday set off on a two-day trip to Dublin. Employees of the contractor Kyle Stewart, architect Sidell Gibson, QS Silk and Frazier, and engineer One Arup, undertook a hectic schedule at the city's races, pubs, and restaurants. And the party isn't a one-off - Argent is now booking lunch on the Orient Express for the team that is due to finish the Brindley Place car park.

## Mine's a bubbly

THE subsidiary of Cogema, the French mining group, has rechristened an encouraging prospect in the eastern goldfields of Western Australia. Henceforth, "Kopal" will be known as "White Foil", a top Champagne from Churchill's favourite house. Christian de Billy of Pol Roger showed the non-vintage white-topped sparkler to Edinburgh's bankers, and gave permission for the renamed mine. But he's remaining tight-lipped over whether he will be an investor in the venture.

A READER passing through Singapore recently came upon a BA baggage cart, resplendent in the flag carrier's blue and red colours. A closer examination revealed that the trolley had been altered to Aylesbury Airways. Are they trying to tell us something?

MORAG PRESTON

## Blair's troops are planning ahead, says Philip Bassett

## Red tape group determined to put Labour on business footing

At the Mount Royal Hotel in London's West End business leaders will today sit down with Labour to work out what the party will do on small firms - not as a policy, but in government.

Business and Labour have been shaping up to each other with rapidly decreasing wariness since Tony Blair became the party's leader. That process will be accelerated next week, when Labour launches its pre-election business manifesto - a campaigning version of previous policy documents on industry and business.

But it is one thing to talk to each other in public conferences, in private meetings and in campaign launches. It is something wholly different to sit down - as Labour leaders will today with Britain's main business bodies - with the specific intention of working out a programme for action for a government which is not yet elected.

Mindful of Mr Blair's warnings about electoral complacency, despite the party's lead in the opinion polls, Labour is aware of the political sensitivity of its move today. But Labour, if elected, will not turn round on the morning after polling day and ask itself what it is going to do. Accordingly, it is preparing for government.

Today's first-ever meeting between business and Labour's red tape task group is part of that. Barbara Roche, Labour's Shadow Minister for small business, says: "Labour is not waiting for government to look at the practical ways of cutting red tape for small firms. This is a good example of how partnership in business will work in practice."

Business is aware of the political sensitivity of talking to Labour before the election about what it will do in government, even on a single specific issue. Most business organisations are sticking fiercely to a policy of strict political neutrality before the election; aware that this is itself irritating to some ministers, who regard it as a clear shift away from business's traditional support for the Conservatives.

Ruth Lea, policy head at the Institute of Directors, will attend today's talks. She said: "In the run-up to the election we are aware that things are getting more and more sensitive. But we take the view that we talk to anybody to represent our members and what they want - and less red tape is very much what they want."

Stephen Alambritis, from the Federation of Small Businesses, will also be at the talks. He said: "It's the Tories who should be kicking themselves. How can Labour be talking about the need for deregulation after 18 years of government by the Conservatives? They shouldn't be able to, but they are."

Just as it is all but incon-



Tony Blair and Barbara Roche intend to hit the ground running if Labour gains power

ceivable pre-Blair that the words deregulation and Labour could comfortably co-exist in the same sentence, so too would it have been unimaginable that leaders of Labour local authorities from could sit in the same room with bodies such as the IoD, the Federation of Small Businesses and the Forum of Private Business, which many Labour councillors would have viewed as close to the very devil.

But that is what will happen today. Rita Stringfellow, leader of North Tyneside Council, for instance, will detail her authority's new business partnership with its local chamber of commerce - including a business-style "mission statement", which explicitly has a commitment to "minimise the regulatory burden on business" while maintaining customer and environmental protection.

The council has an initiative to cut local red tape for

business by centralising business information to avoid duplicate form-filling and by cutting visits by council officials.

Or take Nottingham Council, which will tell of its move to draw up a simple list of broad regulatory compliance for firms in its area. If companies stick by that, they are judged to be in line with the general mass of rules without over-examination. Kirklees and Norwich councils will set out similar programmes.

Labour is dominant in local government, which is charged with enforcing many of the regulations that affect business at local level. That dominance is the device that will be used, if necessary, to defuse the political sensitivity of today's talks - that business is talking to Labour about current practice at local level, rather than prac-

tice under a future Labour government. But all sides are aware of the real position.

For some time, business and Labour have been talking about forming the business policies of an incoming Labour government, largely through a body called the Industry Forum. The Forum's expanding list of about 240 corporate members - including such non-Labour bodies as the IoD - value it as a means of making clear to the Labour leadership the views of business.

Gerald Frankel, the former Whitehall official and trade association chief who heads the Forum, acknowledges suggestions that the Forum has been influential in helping to move Labour closer to business. The day after Labour publishes its pre-election business manifesto next week, Mr Frankel is convening MPs and the Forum's business members to plan how the Forum can

work with a Labour government, rather than a Labour opposition, following a declaration by Mr Blair that "its role will continue and develop in the future".

Business wants it to. "If this pattern can continue into the future, then I am sure the result will be that a Labour government is well informed on the views of industrialists," says Peter Harper, parliamentary affairs director at Hanson. Meanwhile, David Quysner, who chairs the British Venture Capital Association, says: "If Labour forms the next government, the proposal of maintaining the Industry Forum as a working group would be an excellent one."

But important and successful though the Industry Forum's work has been, its arm's length approach is different to today's talks. "We have all sorts of talks with political parties on business issues," says Dr Ian Peters, deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC).

At today's talks he will explain the BCC's own initiative in setting up a network of "approved" chambers, meeting higher operating standards. "But this is the first time that we have had this sort of opportunity to sit down with Labour and get down to working on practical issues," he said.

Though big business bodies like the Confederation of British Industry will also be at today's talks, it is small business that is attracted by the novel idea of Labour - traditionally seen as the party of increased regulation - grappling with the idea of deregulation.

Conservative ministers are understandably sceptical. For them, Labour is and will always be the party of regulation, and they see no value to business, especially small firms, of Labour forming a new government.

At a deregulation seminar, Roger Freeman, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, announced eight new initiatives to cut red tape and said that the Government had now repealed or amended more than one thousand regulations impacting on business. But Mr Freeman was careful to emphasise the Government's thanks for their help in cutting red tape to the very business organisations who will attend today's talks with Labour.

Small firms are under no illusions that Labour, like the Conservatives, has a close eye on the business vote, and especially the votes of five million individual small business people. But they don't regard the competition for votes as bad for business. As Dr Peters says: "There is nothing better than seeing the two main political parties competing against each other - when the real winner will be business itself."



## Eurobonus for UK inflation

Britain's inflation news just gets better and better and not just because Brussels has unusually offered a helping hand.

Let's take the statisticians' Eurobonus first. Eurostat's new harmonised inflation rates published last Friday mean that, at least in January, Britain would meet the Maastricht treaty's price criterion for membership of the single currency. Britain's headline rate was 2.8 per cent in January; its targeted underlying rate at 3.1 per cent. But Eurostat's harmonised rate for Britain, based on consumer prices, was only 2.1 per cent.

The overall effect of the new-style European inflation rates is - less than shockingly - to cluster members of the European Union more closely for joining the euro. Julian Callow of Dresdner Kleinwort Benson pithily observes: "The phrase 'redefinition by Eurostat' may nowadays be a somewhat dirty one in the minds of some market participants, as a result of that body's apparent rubber-stamping of the various accounting devices that EU governments are using to cut their deficit and debt levels this year."

Most countries have seen their inflation rates cut, with the notable exceptions of Finland and Sweden. This is important because they had Europe's lowest inflation by far, and therefore made meeting the Maastricht criterion too tough.

The treaty states that a country's average inflation rate observed over the year before joining monetary union must not exceed, by more than 1.5 per cent, the average of the three best performers in terms of price stability. Taking old national inflation rates for January, countries would have had to have inflation of little more than 2 per cent. Taking the new figures, that rises to around 2.6 per cent and so Britain, as well as The Netherlands, Italy, Belgium and Denmark, all qualify.

All this is important for Eurocrats doing their best to smooth the increasingly bumpy road to monetary union, but does it make any difference to the British economic outlook, apart from providing Kenneth Clarke with new boasting

material? The answer should be no, given the markets know that policy is geared to the underlying rate - now adopted by Gordon Brown.

But some believe that the new international measure may have quite a substantial and positive subliminal effect. Simon Briscoe of Nikko Europe says that the Eurostat figure is likely to receive increasing attention from the markets, that the closing of the inflation differential between Britain and its European partners is positive in itself, and that, as long as the Eurostat measure of British inflation is lower than the currently targeted underlying rate, the pressure to raise interest rates is eased - whatever pressure is actually left.

For the immovable object that is Eddie George seems to have melted away. He has been retreating steadily from his interest rate histrionics of the autumn and yesterday told reporters in Basel that he thought Britain would meet its inflation target this year, the only question being whether inflation could be kept at this level. That comment does not, in reality, represent much of a change from the view in the Bank's February Inflation Report but the markets saw his comments as extremely dovish for interest rates, hence the pound's softening.

City analysts have been revising down their forecasts for economic growth and base rates this year, given the palpable and swift impact of sterling's strength on industry and a distinct weakening of consumer gusto over the past couple of months. Together with the pound's impact on industrial costs and prices, which again surprised with its benign ferocity in February's producer prices data published yesterday, the case for a sharp rise in interest rates after the election looks weaker by the day - with or without European statisticians. Only a sharp and sustained dive in sterling - which nobody is predicting - or a Labour Chancellor eager to prove his monetary virility, stand in the way of a wonderfully unthreatening outlook for interest rates.

## Ecclestone poised to reap rewards of winning formula

From rich man's hobby to £2.5bn float. Alasdair Murray reports

Bernie Ecclestone, the man who controls Formula One, is on the verge of completing the transformation of grand prix motor racing from a sport that guzzled cash to a stock market money spinner.

News broke at the weekend that Ecclestone is steering Formula One to a £2.5 billion flotation in London and New York. As a result, Ecclestone should become one of the country's few billionaires, while close allies, such as Max Mosley, son of politician Sir Oswald Mosley, should also reap a handsome reward from motor racing's phenomenal growth.

Today grand prix racing is one of the most high-profile global sports, attracting around three million paying spectators through the season and 330 million television viewers for each race. But just two decades ago Formula One was a relatively obscure sport, with little television appeal. The sport was the preserve of the dedicated amateur, written off by the mainstream media as a rich man's hobby.

Ecclestone came to the sport in time-honoured fashion, starting as a second-rank driver and then as a team manager at Connaught and then Brabham, where he won two championships. Although the quality of cars and the professionalism of teams was improving, he describes the style of organisation at the time as "mates together".

In the early 1970s serious sponsorship money - especially from the tobacco companies that were losing their outlet to television - was just beginning to feed into the



David Coulthard's Australian win was watched by millions

sport. In 1972 Ecclestone teamed up with Mosley, a rival team manager, to form the Formula One Constructors Association (FOCA) with the aim of uniting the teams to improve their earning power.

FOCA succeeded in persuading the circuit operators to raise the start funds and prize money for the sport, while it worked hard to provide a larger and more stable grid of cars to improve motor racing's spectator appeal.

But it was Ecclestone's idea to package Formula One as a fortnightly show - increasing its appeal to television and

sponsors - that sowed the seeds of the sport's future success. Sponsors were now willing to pay vast sums to ensure they received high-profile TV coverage. The tobacco companies, such as Rothmans and Marlboro, are believed to spend around £30 million a year in sponsorship.

Television remains at the centre of the plans to float. Ecclestone has watched developments in other sports with interest and sees the opportunity to greatly increase Formula One's TV revenues. He recently sold grand prix rights to ITV for £60 million, com-

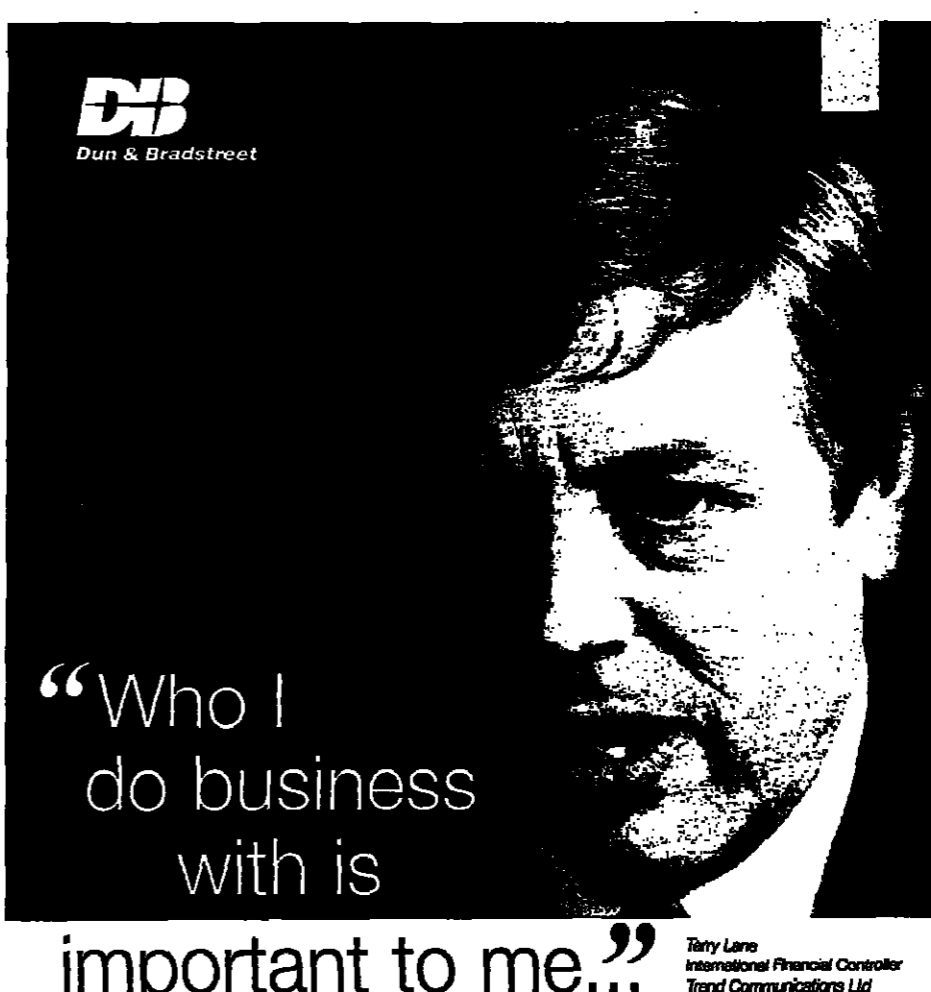
pared with the £7 million the BBC paid previously.

However, the real money will be made when Formula One is carried on digital television. Ecclestone is enthusiastic about the potential of interactive television, allowing viewers to effectively follow the race to their own agenda, "riding" in-car with a favourite driver or cutting to watch pit-stops. He estimates that the television value of the sport should grow to around £600 million within a few years, but he needs to raise money to buy satellite transmission time to guarantee its success.

Pressure for a flotation has also been growing from within the sport. Ecclestone is 65 and there is a serious worry that Formula One may collapse if he decides to retire.

Ecclestone controls the sport through a complex and secretive series of companies and contracts. He is president of FOCA, vice-president of Fédération Internationale de L'Autorité (FIA), owner of International Sport World Communications - which deals with the TV rights - and president of Formula One Promotions and Administrations, which sells the grands prix to the circuits. Almost nothing in the sport - from picking drivers to selling merchandise - is done without his agreement.

This form of control is difficult to pass on to the successor, and with the major constructors - such as Williams and McLaren - beginning to flex their muscles for a greater slice of revenue, the whole structure could crack. A float would lock in the potential leading parties and clarify the organisational structure of the sport.



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# Rates fear for those working from home

BY BRIAN COLLETT

BUSINESS owners and self-employed people working from home are being given a warning that their domestic properties could be targets for raters as business premises.

Fears of visits from assessment officers have grown after several well-documented horror stories. One business owner's house was even watched for the cars that parked outside.

Premises can be re-rated if their character or use has changed. This is considered to have happened if the home is no longer used substantially as a residence, if the business has markedly more traffic or

callers, if it involves activities unusual in a residential area, or if it disturbs neighbours at unreasonable hours or is noisy or smelly.

However, Inland Revenue officers, who assess properties and instruct the local authority to collect the business rate, have wide latitude to interpret what they find.

In one case Geoffrey Carter, who had relocated to his home in Taunton, Somerset, was visited by an official without warning. The official inspected the house and imposed a £450 rates bill. Mr Carter refused to pay and appealed. Under the rules the rates must be paid until reassessment and the council obtained a court liability order against Mr Carter, which would have barred him from obtaining credit.

The TCA, the taxworkers' organisation, asked the district valuer for details of the case and the demand was dropped soon afterwards.

Michael Parker was told to pay business rates because of the mail-order company he runs from home in Cleckheaton, west Yorkshire. The council showed him the numbers of 19 cars that parked near his house. Mr Parker found that eight of the cars belonged to domestic callers and seven to the council. He eventually persuaded the council to cancel its demand.

Alan Denbigh, the TCA's executive director, expects more such investigations. He said: "If high street offices are emptying and no longer producing revenue, councils will assume people are using their homes as offices. It will become more of an issue."

Many investigations arise because people shop their neighbours — out of spite as well as concern — and the council has to act.

Reports of unfair cases are being collected by Sophie Chalmers, editor of *Home Run*, the home workers' magazine, to be studied when business people complain of bad treatment. Potential victims should also know that assessment officials must give 24 hours' written notice of a visit, allowing time to prepare explanations.

They may also find two Environment Department booklets helpful: *Planning — a Guide for Householders* and *A Step-by-Step Guide to Planning Permission for Small Businesses*.

Jessica Horst-Williams on a bibliophile back in control of his career

## Bookman turns tome detective

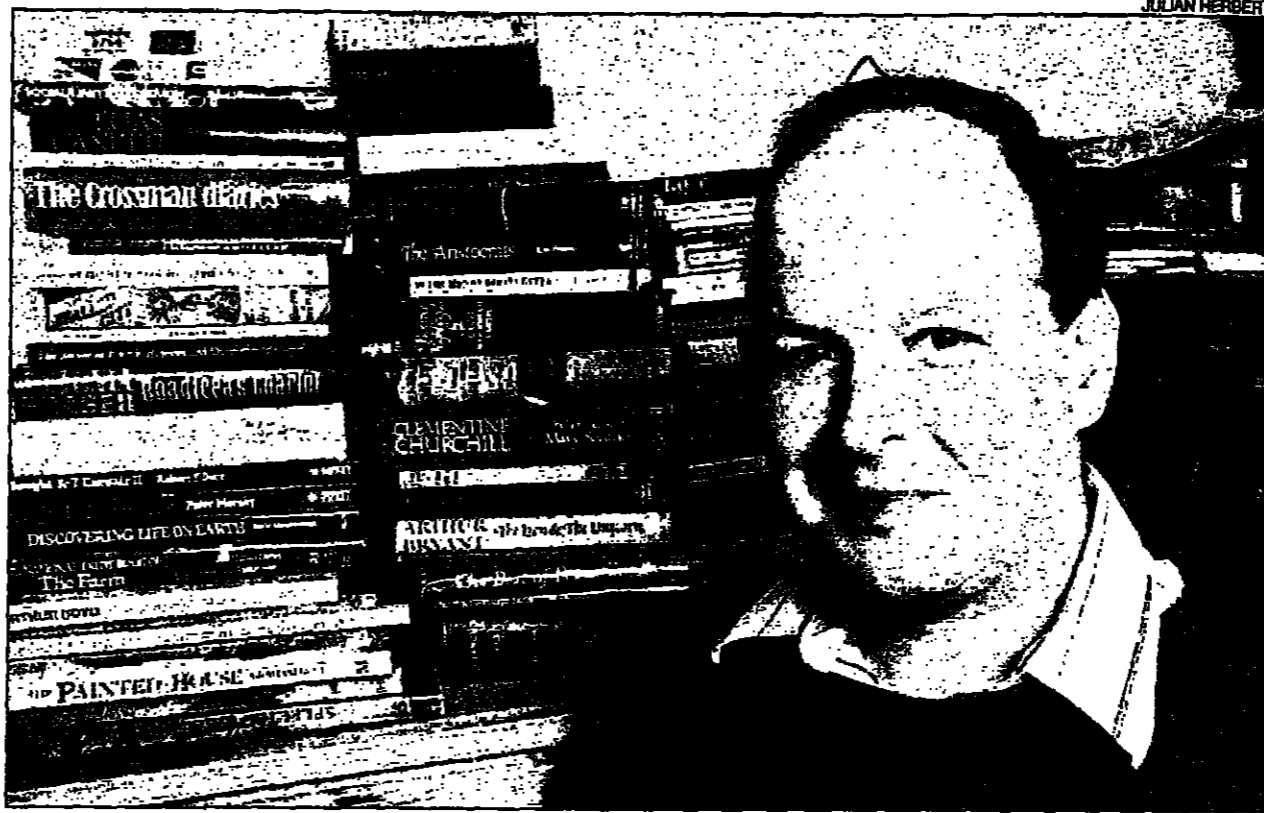
WHEN Humphrey Fullerton Boon was born, 38 years ago, it was, he says, with the word "books" taped on his forehead. His father was chairman of Mills & Boon, publisher of romantic novels. In contrast, Mr Boon Jr traces rare and out-of-print books.

He ferrets out 8,000 or so titles yearly for Fullerton's, his book-search business at Holybourne, Alton, Hampshire. Mr Boon set up his business after spending all his life among books. At 17, he was working at Hatchards in Piccadilly, central London. Later, between bouts of travelling, he did stints on the buying side of other well-known booksellers.

By the time he was 32, he had tired of not being in control. He recalls: "I always put in far more hours than I was paid for and then they would be fussy on the very rare occasions when I was half an hour late."

Mr Boon took on the selling of new books on birds for a specialist self-publisher, but soon noticed that customers kept asking for out-of-print books, and so, at the end of 1991, he began to sell those, too. "It was not an area I knew about and it was a matter of feeling my way," he says.

He put aside £40,000 to set up the business. The first year was spent locating about 30 dealers to whom he could send lists. He admits to learning a lot by trial and error. "For instance, the book-search form is so important," he says. "It needs to be easy to fill in and to cover every query. When I began I had it printed in blue,



Humphrey Boon works for himself tracing out-of-print books, and faces big bills for postage and stationery

not realising that this would not fax clearly."

The first year he spent about £3,000 advertising for customers, and turnover was just £2,000. "This tax year," he says, "I am expecting sales of £60,000, and advertising, all told, should be £2,000. Bank charges are going down because I am more experienced at negotiating."

Postage, though, costs about £7,500 a year, the telephone

bill comes to £1,200 and stationery costs are high. Customers are not committed to buying a book even though they have requested a search.

Mr Boon sends lists of up to 1,000 wanted books to contacts. The typing was done by an agency, but since October he has had a part-time employee.

Some books are found through luck and memory. He says: "Recently someone asked for a collection of Giles

cartoons. A few days before, I had been browsing around a bookshop in London and noticed there were some there. So fulfilling that order took no time at all."

Top of the request list are books on military history, followed by autobiography and then fiction, with good demand for old children's books. Fullerton's generally does not search for scientific, technical, medical, educational, com-

puter and foreign-language books, nor for textbooks.

Mr Boon said: "Book searching is terribly expensive and I am having to trim down some costs." Until recently he would wait two years before writing to see whether the customer wanted a search to continue. Now he allows a year before giving up. He says: "I have been finding 70 per cent of books in the first year and only a few after that."

## Single market fails to deliver

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE promised benefits of the European single market are not coming through, according to owner-managed businesses across Europe. UK businesses are among the most critical.

Grant Thornton, the international group of accountants, lists the disappointments across the European Union.

Costs: 61 per cent claim the single market has not reduced costs in any way.  
Expansion: 59 per cent said expanding is no easier.  
Red tape: 64 per cent saw no reduction, and 30 per cent

believed that the problem had become worse.

Distribution: 49 per cent said that distributing their goods had not become easier.

Competition: Only 49 per cent detected an improvement.

The figures for the UK were generally worse, with 74 per cent claiming no reduction in costs, 68 per cent saying expansion was no easier and 53 per cent complaining that there is more red tape than before the single market. Only 33 per cent of British firms thought competition had increased.

The 1997 Grant Thornton

business survey asked more than 5,000 small and medium businesses in all EU countries how membership had affected their organisations over the past five years.

Andrew Godfrey, head of growth and development services at Grant Thornton, said: "The picture that emerges is one of owner-managers still waiting to be convinced of the benefits of the single market."

Only 7 per cent of British companies and 6 per cent of German ones believed that economic and monetary union would have a positive impact.



Prize effort: Stephen Lowe, technical sales director of Kemlows Die Casting, of Huddersfield, Hertfordshire, which has won £10,000 in the second annual Making the Difference awards run by Business Links. The company's sales figures remained static at £2.5 million for five years and contracts were becoming increasingly difficult to win. Working with Business Link Hertfordshire, half the factory facilities have been upgraded and high-tech automated machinery installed. As a result, delivery times have improved and annual output is expected to reach £4 million by the end of the century, Mr Lowe says.

### BRIEFINGS

Proposals to protect the personal pensions of self-employed people who go bankrupt have been submitted to Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, by the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants. It became worried after a High Court ruling that would allow a trustee in bankruptcy to claim a debtor's pension rights and realise them for creditors' benefit. Peter Langard, the association's president, said: "Some people might decide it is not worth their while to make their own provision for retirement since the State will have no option but to rescue them should they lose their pension on bankruptcy."

The third edition of *How to Buy Your Own Hotel*, written by Miles Quest, has been published by Brodie Marshall, price £20. Copies may be ordered from 0171-730 4974.

First Steps to Export Success, a free report by Tim Ambler, of London Business School, and Dr Chris Sykes, of New South Wales University, on 434 British and Australian companies, shows the value of visiting target markets to gain first-hand knowledge. For a copy call 0171-215 4943.

Blenheim Lodge Hotel has won the small business category in the Lord Whitelaw Ambassadors' Award for promoting Cumbria as a good business location. The winner for companies with 10-250 employees was Impact Training and for more than 250 employees, Lakeland Plastics.

The future of small shopkeepers will be debated at a seminar being held by the Association of Small and Historic Towns and Villages at Newent, Gloucestershire, on March 22. It will consider ways of maintaining the pros-



"Oh yes, I've expanded — thanks to forever taking potential clients to lunch!"

## Call for business rethink by South Asians

BY RODNEY HOBSON

THE South Asian success story in Britain is under threat, according to a warning by a prominent Indian businessman.

Ram Gidoomal, chairman of Business Link South London and a director of Solotec, told the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce that although the community has disposable income of £5 billion, potentially disastrous problems are looming.

He said: "Time is not on our side. The South Asian community is commonly seen as a sub-economy that has successfully insulated itself from recession. But the same entrepreneurial spirit that can overcome problems can also cause them. There are dangers in operating outside the mainstream British business economy."

"Many Asian retail outlets are fighting for share of a diminishing ethnic market. Opting out into the minority ethnic market can be personally fulfilling, but such bubbles of success may prove surprisingly vulnerable."

Mr Gidoomal highlighted two areas of concern: funding and conflict between generations. He said that there is little take-up of available funding from government or training and enterprise councils. Many Asian businesses are still reluctant to borrow from outside their own community.

On the generation gap, he said: "Business can suffer when, for example, a young man fresh from business school returns to the extended family business to find his new expertise and ideas are unwanted — even though failure to modernise might very well mean the failure of the family business."

Mr Gidoomal called for far more ethnic representation on public boards and on Business Links and Tecs. He said: "We need to inculcate in the independently minded South Asian community a desire and a need to be part of things."

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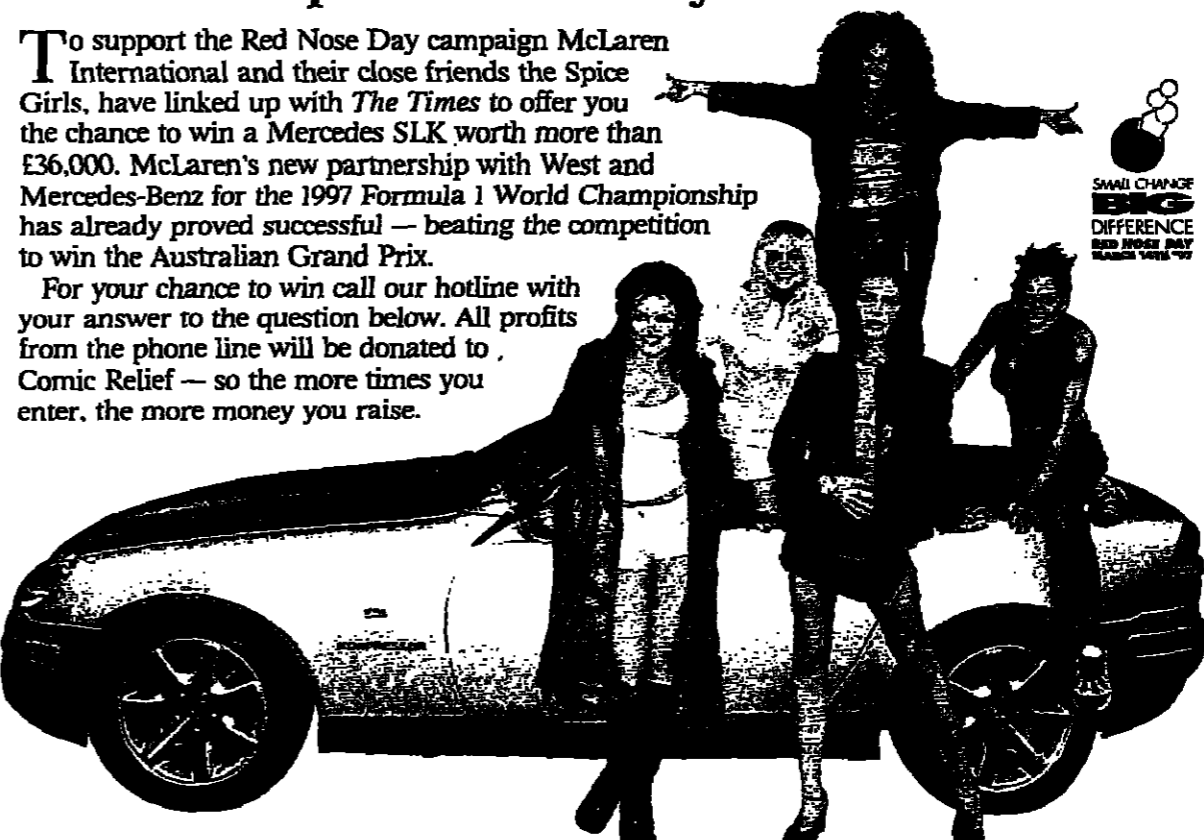
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## DANCE

The good, the bad and the decidedly odd hit the road on the Royal Ballet's Dance Bites tour



## MUSIC 1

Sir Michael Tippett's last orchestral work, *The Rose Lake*, is persuasively played by the Hallé

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## MUSIC 2

... while the LSO marks the 70th birthday of Rostropovich with superb playing in Shostakovich



## CD CHOICE

A vintage Toscanini recording is among Edward Greenfield's all-time favourites

DANCE: Debra Craine sees a mixed bag of offerings from the Royal Ballet in the regions

# Quantity overtakes quality

No one could accuse the Royal Ballet of short-changing its regional audiences, at least when it comes to quantity. The current Dance Bites tour, which brought small-scale experimental dance to Sheffield and High Wycombe last week and to Bath tonight, features no fewer than seven offerings.

William Tuckett's contribution is a real curiosity called *The Maggie's Tower*. It managed to make every one of the dancers look ridiculous, especially poor old Adam Cooper whose performances with Dance Bites mark his farewell appearances with the Royal Ballet. Suited up like a



Farewell Royal Ballet performance: Adam Cooper in William Tuckett's *The Maggie's Tower*, part of the 1997 Dance Bites tour

Dance Bites  
Swan, High Wycombe

rooster in tennis whites, and matched by three equally silly female colleagues. Cooper manfully endured the grotesque eccentricity of Tuckett's unattractive — and narratively bewildering — choreography, set to music by Bach and Graham Fitkin.

It was pretty clear what Tom Sapsford was up to in his *All Nighter*. A dark, dank nightclub is the setting; six clubbers constitute the cast. Relationships are explored: suspicion, self-absorption and predatory sexual tensions saturate the night. The deadness and alienation of club culture are clearly foremost in the choreographer's mind. But Sapsford's language is still unformed; his movement without personality or resonance; his characters blandly wearisome. If ballet is to relate to a new audience, it will have to do better than this.

Fortunately, the rest of the programme does. It opens most promisingly with a thoughtful work by Cathy Marston, who now dances in Switzerland. Her *Figure in Progress*, to music by Shostakovich and Fabienne Audéoud, was inspired by the work of Giacometti. Like his elongated, anatomically perverse sculptures, Marston's

quarter are a study in extreme definition.

Matthew Hart, who left the Royal last year and now dances with Rambert, must have had fun making *Cry Baby Kreisler*, because it's certainly fun watching it. The piece (music: Fritz Kreisler) is a trio for a man, a woman — and a grand piano. Jonathan Cope was the vain concert pianist tormented and teased by what lives inside his instrument — Sarah Wildor's slinky siren.

Wildor stretched and leapt seductively while a brilliantly comic Cope emoted wildly before succumbing to her blandishments.

Christopher Wheeldon's *Pavane pour une infante défunte* was seen at Covent Garden a few months back, but on second viewing looks even trickier than its elegant romanticism would suggest. Mara Galeazzi and Inaki Urlezaga had a tough time making it look as easy as Darcée Bussell and Cope did then.

It was left to Ashley Page to produce the most accomplished dance of the evening. His *Ebony Concerto* was remounted to provide a snappy finale for Dance Bites, but most absorbing of all was his new *Room of Cooks*. This chilling 15-minute work is a companion piece to last year's *Sleeping with Audrey*, also inspired by a Stephen Chambers painting. Page is a master of compressed narrative and suggestive situation. Two men, one woman and a meat

cleaver at the kitchen table: that's all you need to know. The rest is up to you. The tense fateful duets are ominously sexual; the promise of domestic violence simmers like soup on the stove.

Michael Nunn and Matthew Dibble give great performances as the two men, matched by Sian Murphy's burning female catalyst. We end where we began, and we never really know where we have been. But the mystery and anticipation are exhilarating.

## CLASSICAL CHOICE

On Radio 3 this week the distinguished music critic Edward Greenfield revealed his ten all-time favourite recordings

1 Toscanini's 1939 recording of Beethoven's *Eroica* Symphony with the NBC Symphony Orchestra. My first set of 78 records as a boy, and still the most incandescent reading I know, with the harsh sound adding to the impact (RCA GD 60269, £9.99).

2 Jascha Heifetz's powerful 1941 recording with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra of the Violin Concerto of William Walton, my first musical hero (*Biddulph* *WILLOE*, £11.99, part of compilation CD). This is another of my early sets. I choose it by default as my favourite, the tenderly expressive Decca version with Kyung-Wha Chung, is currently unavailable.

3 André Previn's passionate recording with the LSO of Rachmaninov's Second Symphony, now available in a three-disc box at midprice with the other two Rachmaninov symphonies, *The Isle of the Dead* and the *Symphonic Dances* (EMI CMS7 64530-2, 3 CDs, £29.99).

4 Dame Joan Sutherland at her freshest and most brilliant in her very first recital recording, including the two big scenes from Donizetti's *Lucia di Lammermoor*, recorded in 1959 soon after her big Covent Garden triumph (Decca 414 520-2, 2 CDs, £30.49).

5 Sutherland's recording with Luciano Pavarotti of Donizetti's *La fille du régiment*, made in 1968 with the Covent Garden cast, full of the fizz and good humour that marked the stage production (Decca 414 520-2, 2 CDs, £30.49).

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● Next Saturday on Radio 3 (9am): Tchaikovsky's Piano Trio in A minor.

● In last week's Building a Library the orchestra on Soli's recording of *Cost fan tutte* was the Chamber Orchestra of Europe

6 Karl Böhm's 1962 recording with the Philharmonia of Mozart's *Cost fan tutte*, with Elisabeth Schwarzkopf as Fiordiligi and Christa Ludwig as Dorabella, one of the most felicitous opera sets that even Walter Legge masterminded (EMI CMS7 69330-2, 3 CDs, £29.99).

7 Schwarzkopf's recording of Strauss's *Four Last Songs*, recorded with George Szell and the Berlin Radio Symphony Orchestra in 1965, poised and radiant, with other orchestral Strauss lieder for coupling, equally ravishing (EMI CDC7 4726-2, £11.49).

8 Two heroines on one disc: Jacqueline du Pré in her deeply expressive reading of the Elgar Cello Concerto; and Dame Janet Baker giving Elgar's song-cycle, *Sea Pictures*, unparalleled depth and intensity; both women with glowing accompaniment from Sir John Barbirolli and the London Symphony Orchestra (EMI CDC7 47329-2, £9.99).

9 Alessandro Stradella's oratorio, *San Giovanni Battista*, on the story of John the Baptist and Salome, an electrifying work of 1675, here with Catherine Bott sensuous as Salome, and with Marc Minkowski directing Les Musiciens du Louvre (Erato 2292 45739-2, £15.49).

10 Bach's B minor Mass with John Eliot Gardiner and the English Baroque Soloists showing that a period performance can yet convey a rare inner intensity, with dedicated singing from the Monteverdi Choir (DG Archiv 415 514-2, 2 CDs, £30.49).

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CONCERTS: Birthday festivities; plus Tippett, and a South Bank premiere

## Tunes of brazen glory

## Never lost for words

The Barbican is hosting a continuous birthday party at the moment: the centre itself was 15 last week: Schubert, of course, is 200 and still going strong; and Mstislav Rostropovich is 70 this month. His sixtieth birthday was celebrated here with the London Symphony Orchestra, and he returned on Saturday for the first of five newly festive concerts.

In the programme book's long pages of eulogies (from the Queen Mother to James Macmillan) certain words significantly recur: whirlwind, ageless, primal force, human rights, commitment. To these verbal icons can be added *Slava* itself — Rostropovich's affectionate diminutive and, as Leonard Bernstein's *Overture for Orchestra: Slava!* emphasised unforgettably, the Russian word for "glory". At the end of this shamelessly brazen birthday bonanza, originally written for Slava's fiftieth, the magic word is shouted by the entire orchestra.

Rostropovich conducted the

### LSO/Rostropovich Barbican

overture with obvious glee, and seemed equally delighted to be treating himself and the LSO to a muscular performance of Prokofiev's *Classical Symphony*. The triumph of the evening, though, was Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony. With its remarkable Fifth from last year's Proms still ringing in the ears, the LSO once more kindled that white heat of inspiration which happens uniquely when Rostropovich, either through bow or baton, is fired by feelings of intense and full-hearted loyalty to the memory of a friend.

Seldom has this symphony felt more devastatingly concentrated in its power. Its economy of means — its narrow, intertwining intervals, its ubiquitous DSCH motif — is always distinctive: this time the physical and emotional impact was enormous. This was partly because Rostropo-

vich insisted on time for each idea to find its place and its proper pace. Partly, too, because of the rigorous rhythmic definition of the strings, and Rostropovich's instinctive sense of timing in constructing, and deconstructing, every orchestral climax.

The LSO was as unstoppable as the howling hurricane which was the second movement, with the brass lacerating string-playing of remarkable depth, as one theme battled for life with another. A stunned silence rang out between this and the pivotal *Allegretto*, in which the goose-stepping march appeared, chillingly, as if from nowhere, before dragging everything into its maw. "It's about Stalin and the Stalin years," confided Shostakovich to Solomon Volkov. In this performance, the symphony's "subject-matter" seemed to extend far beyond history, into the timeless and impenetrable workings of the human heart itself.

HILARY FINCH

## No sop to the populists

### Hallé/Howarth Manchester

Having so generously opened their concert with Tippett's *The Rose Lake* and so extravagantly gone on from there to Carter's Piano Concerto, the Hallé players deserved the best of luck. As it turned out, although they did not do as badly at the Bridgewater Hall box office as they might have done, they did not have the happiest of experiences on the platform.

*The Rose Lake*, Sir Michael Tippett's last orchestral work, was given a very acceptable first Hallé performance. If it needed rather more inspiration from Elgar Howarth in demonstrating the continuity of the composer's thinking and in profiling his characteristically proliferating construction, it was most persuasively realised in terms of colour, texture and line. The percussion section seemed to be particularly appreciative of the opportunity to indulge itself in such poetic and picturesque scoring and the cellos

carried the groundswell of melody with evident authority.

Elliott Carter's Piano Concerto, which retains its superlatives in intellectual rigour and textural complexity even after 30 years in the repertoire, offers few such voluptuous inducements. It must win over its listeners through its rhythmic exhilaration, which is its most prominent feature when Ursula Oppens plays it, and through its structural logic, which is where Charles Rosen might be expected to excel. Unfortunately, the relationship between Rosen and Howarth — both of whom might have benefited from extra rehearsal time — was never easy and, in the second of the two movements, it actually broke down. Although the situation was saved by quick thinking and repeated promptings from the

conductor, and although it might well have passed unnoticed in most parts of the hall, it was not the kind of event to carry conviction to an already dubious audience.

By this stage in the concert, what we all needed was a full-scale, relatively problem-free orchestral indulgence in something like, say, the Ravel orchestration of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*. While it was polite of the Hallé to ask Howarth to conduct his brass-band arrangement of that work, it was most frustrating to the ear. The Ravel version is admittedly not perfect and it does cause a few problems, not least to the brass. But it is nowhere near as precarious as the Howarth version which, for all its imaginative scoring for (often muted) trumpets and keyboard percussion above all, is remarkable less for being well done than for being done at all.

GERALD LARNER

In a programme note, Julian Anderson declares himself "quite unsure as to what, if any, true correspondences" there may be between words and music. But his *Poetry Nearing Silence* is a dazzling new result of their mysterious relationship, as a frisson of excitement in a crowded Purcell Room on Wednesday night proved.

It was a shame that fewer stayed to hear another dra-

### Nash Ensemble Purcell Room

matic example, Simon Holt's dangerous *Canciones*.

Anderson has taken phrases from Tom Phillips's *Heart of the Humant* — a "treated" Victorian novel, in which certain words are picked out and the rest of the page painted — to title eight jewel-like movements. *Know Vienna* brings the murkiest memory of a waltz, *lashing in Italy* is a chromatic, canonic string quartet; in *Carpathia* dissolves into the ghost of a folk tune. Anderson has often used folk music, but his handling of it is ever fresher, more deft.

Holt's *Canciones* are more than ten years old now, and on CD, but this riveting performance by the Nash Ensemble, under Martyn Brabbins, brought out their violence and sensuality anew. The primitive sound of the harp's bass forms a perfect foundation to Lorca's world of love intertwined with death.

Fiona Kimm, stepping in for Jean Rigby, was a voluptuous soloist, tortured in her cry for love, compelling in her lowest range. These songs border on an expressionist drama.

Sally Beamish's *Between Earth and Sea*, the second Nash premiere which was written in memory of two infants, was given a deeply felt performance by the ensemble in this expertly programmed concert.

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VISUAL ART: Monet and Baroque treasures at the National Gallery; alternative Paris in north London

# Drawn to the foggy capital

Richard Cork previews a show that brings together 25 of the superb Monets now housed in London collections

Of all the great Impressionists, Monet is the most closely associated with London. His visits yielded an abundance of outstanding images. He first stayed in London as a refugee from the Franco-Prussian War in 1870. But the paintings Monet executed then, including two delicate views of the inner-city parks and a marvellously economical study of Big Ben emerging from a blue-grey mist, catch the atmosphere of the metropolis with uncanny deftness.

No wonder he returned, above all at the turn of the century when his fascination with the Thames produced an extraordinary sequence of canvases. These views of Charing Cross Bridge, the Houses of Parliament and Waterloo Bridge, all scrutinised with obsessive attention to weather effects, also suggest how much he may have learnt from Turner.

But Monet himself attributed his fascination with the city to pollution. "What I like most in London is the fog," he told the dealer René Gimpel. "Without the fog, London would not be a beautiful city. The fog gives it magnificent breadth."

Not that our collections showed any willingness to repay the compliment. Impressionism was long regarded with suspicion in Britain. As late as 1905, when Monet was in his mid-sixties, an attempt was made to give one of his landscapes to the nation. The critic Frank Rutter established the French Impressionist Fund to buy *Lavacourt under Snow*. But the National Gallery's trustees refused to accept Monet's work even as a donation.

Only in 1917 did the same Monet snowscape enter the National Gallery, this time as part of a bequest from Sir Hugh Lane. Monet would

have welcomed the news: he had, after all, paid many visits to the Trafalgar Square collection and studied its magnificent late Turners with special intentness. But many of the gallery's trustees accepted the Monet bequest with deep reluctance. One of their number, Lord Redesdale, declared in 1914 that "I should as soon expect to hear of a Mormon service being conducted in St Paul's Cathedral as to see the works of the modern French art-rebels in the sacred precincts of Trafalgar Square."

This philistinism took a long time to fade. If Samuel Courtauld had not given £50,000 in 1923, and used some of the money to buy Monets, the National Gallery would never have bought either *The Beach at Trouville* or *The Water-Lily Pond*. The National Gallery

only got around to purchasing a Monet on its own initiative in 1957, and even then it was a relatively feeble study of the flood waters that left the artist stranded at his Giverny home.

Today, by contrast, Monet is probably the most popular painter in Britain. Since 1957 the National Gallery has made amends for its previous hostility by acquiring some remarkable examples of his work. One of the most energetic is *The Gare St-Lazare*, a wonderfully spontaneous response to the locomotive and, above all, the smoke Monet found inside a busy Paris railway station.

The most spectacular is the late *Water-Lilies* canvas, a brilliant purchase in 1963. Part of an epic series of canvases based on the gardens he created at Giverny, this opalescent idyll is about to leave the National Gallery and take up a four-year residence at the Tate and then at the new Bankside building. But before it departs, *Water-Lilies*



*The Gare St-Lazare* (National Gallery): "A wonderful response to the locomotive and, above all, the smoke Monet found inside a busy Paris railway station"

has become the culminating exhibit in a survey at Trafalgar Square called *London's Monets*. Taking the gallery's own holdings of his work as its starting-point, the show brings together 25 paintings owned by public and private collections across the metropolis.

Among the familiar canvases, there are surprises throughout the selection. Anyone who knows only Monet's full-blown Impressionist brushwork will discover just how detailed his early work could be. At 24, he painted *La Pointe de la Heve, Sainte-Adresse*. This limpid, harmoniously composed view was bought by the National Gallery only last year, and it shows the young Monet at his most meticulous. Looking at a beach near his home town of Le Havre, he is at pains to specify the individual pebbles scattered among the sand.

His handling of the cliffside beyond suggests how much of a debt he owed to Courbet's paintings of similar coastal scenes. Far from rushing into ardent rebellion, Monet learnt from his seniors. Only on the horizon, where the clouds are ousted by streaks of white light and silhouetted boats summarised in swift dabs of black pigment, does his mark-making take on a greater spontaneity.

The other surprises come from private collections. One anonymous loan reminds us that Monet sometimes tackled still-life painting. The canvas was probably produced around 1867, several years before he participated in the first Impressionist exhibition. The fruit arranged so enticingly on a white cloth is far more solid than anything his flickering brush would paint later. Inviting, polished ap-

ples glint, their brazen red palpability contrasting with the softer, more reticent forms of the green and black grapes near by. The fruit heaped in the basket behind takes on a boulder-like grandeur, helping to explain Monet's later kinship with Cézanne.

By the time he painted the enchanting *Snow Scene at Argenteuil* in 1875, Monet's Impressionist handling had developed with brio. The fresh fall of flakes cleanses the landscape, and purges his palette as well. Monet's marks dance as he outlines branches half-hidden among the otherwise bleached trees and bushes. Figures are wittily depicted in a few strokes, while the tracks left in the snow are smeared with astonishing freedom. This is Monet at his lightest, making the landscape cast off its substance and hover on the edge of

dissolution. But the Queen Mother's redoubtable *Study of Rocks: The Creuse (Le Bloc)* proves that he was equally able to paint weighty mass. Most of the picture-surface is taken up by the uncompromising cragginess of a single rock, rising above the convergence of two rivers. Unusually sombre and solid for Monet, it is nevertheless painted in the darkest areas with a slashing verve worthy of the late water-lily pictures.

In many ways, though, the most "abstract" painting on view is a delectable *Grainstack* canvas of 1891. The fiery pyramidal stack itself seems to smoulder in a field dappled with light pink, blue and yellow. A few distant houses are dimly detectable in the shadows cast by a sunset beyond, but the sky erupts in a blaze of orange, scarlet and white. The picture is divided

into bands of colour, orchestrated with the intensity of a Rothko. At the same time, though, Monet's dependence on impassioned observation of nature is never in doubt. This balance is maintained even in the final exhibits, which include three little-known water-lily paintings from private collections. The ageing Monet, troubled by failing eyesight, gave his brush more licence than ever in these unfettered, almost vaporous works. The flowers suspended on the water seem no more solid than the reflections of foliage and sky surrounding them. They merge in an all-over veil of shimmering light, testifying to the old man's rapture as he arrived at the climax of his perpetually adventurous career.

London's Monets are at the National Gallery (0171-747 2865) from tomorrow until May 5

## Magical mysteries

The Baroque is one of those periods in the history of Western art which most of us would be hard pushed to define. Bernini's sculpture *The Ecstasy of St Teresa*, Guido Reni's paintings of female saints rolling their eyes heavenwards like Buster Keaton heroines, the undulating facades of Rome churches are all Baroque. So are the dramatically lit paintings of Caravaggio and the classical compositions of Poussin. So are all the paintings in the collection of Sir Denis Mahon, currently on show at the National Gallery. But don't look there for an explanation of Italian Baroque art, because you won't find one. Mahon's collection is remarkable. It was started in the

Isabel Carlisle finds a Baroque treasure chest without a key

mid-1930s when Mahon began his study of the 17th-century Bolognese artist Guercino, and was put together for not more than £50,000. The collection contains work by almost every painter working in Rome in the 17th century, and has been a great help in Mahon's one-man campaign to rehabilitate this neglected period. Its promised bequest to the nation has been used as a weapon in his political battles with successive Ministers for the

Arts to maintain free access to national collections and prevent the sale of works from museums and galleries.

Now that bequest has been confirmed, the paintings and drawings are on show and the Baroque is emphatically present at our National Gallery — yet the exhibition is almost a negation of Mahon's scholarship.

It conspicuously fails to bring the 17th century to life. There are no wall texts to explain the theme of each room, the handsheet omits to put the art on show into any wider context, and the labels next to each work describe briefly what we are looking at but not when or where it was painted, nor for whom.

My moment of greatest despair came in the second room, labelled "Baroque Tendencies", where Poussin's *Rebekah quenching the thirst of Eliezer at the Well* hangs opposite the richly Rubensian *Fall of Phaeton* by Johann Liss, and Salvator Rosa's darkly mysterious landscapes opposite Pietro da Cortona's theatrical *Oath of Semiramis*. This should have been the moment to gather up all the divergent threads of the Baroque and make sense of the web that they weave through the 17th century. Clearly a strand of sensuousness runs through it all, a love of realism and of drama, but what upheavals in European thought and scientific discovery were going on at the time to cause almost every artist to explore a different path?

Landscape, and the place of man in it, were clearly one of the preoccupations of the Baroque. The space and light in Domenichino's *Landscape with a Fortified Town* makes it one of the most idyllic in the Mahon collection, while shadowy claustrophobia invades the forest where Giocchino



Mahon's legacy: Guercino's *Madonna of the Sparrow*

Assereto sets the biblical encounter between the banished Hagor and the angel sent to rescue her and her son. Even more dramatic in its play of light and shadow is Manthias Sium's *Salome receiving the head of John the Baptist*. Set at night, the executioner holding up the severed head, Salome receiving it on a dish, and her old maid-servant are lit by an astonished boy holding a burning brand.

As one might expect, the star of the collection is Guercino. While much of the imagery is religious and illuminated by a light that is close to supernatural, at the same time the figures themselves have a realism that approaches what we in the 20th century would think of as "real". The sense of touch is extraordinarily alive in the *Madonna of the Sparrow*,

where the Madonna holds the naked Christ-child on her knee as He clutches at her dress. The Baroque, that catch-all period, was nothing if not inventive.

A worthwhile exercise in do-it-yourself art history is a little exhibition of three paintings by Poussin in the basement. Brought about by Mahon, it compares two versions of *Midas washing at the Source of the Pactolus* with the newly-cleaned Chatsworth *Et in Arcadia Ego*. It explores the quandary of which was painted first and whether the two subjects were intended as a pair.

Discovering the Italian Baroque: The Denis Mahon Collection is at the National Gallery until May 18. Sponsored by Guinness, Mahon/Henderson (with Mahon). Three pictures by Poussin in Room D, Lower Floor Galleries until April 13

### AROUND THE GALLERIES

AT THE Camden Arts Centre, Parisien[ne]s has been curated by Hou Hanru, who lives in Paris. It aims to show a range of art made by artists concerned with the city, and to confound expectations. As you enter, the hugely complex installation by the late Chorreh Feyzjoui shows series of ranks of ambiguously camouflaged goods, stacked deep or hung high on racks to give the overall effect of an artist's supply shop immediately after an earthquake or fire. Everything in the blackened mass of charred merchandise bears her trademark. By contrast, Huang Yong Ping's simple, hugely scaled up Chinese porcelain eating bowls the size of hip baths, decorated with a pastiche of painted 19th-century imperial scenes and filled with a mass of dry goods, drinks and biscuits, seem quite straightforward.

Inside the main gallery the annoying visual obstacle of a realistic speaking wax figure lies on the floor in front of blown-up colour photographs and an over-explanatory wall text by Finnish artist Tiina Ketara. But *Record-Jonas* — a long stumpy container made by Thomas Hirschhorn out of cardboard, Perspex and tape, stretching the length of the far wall — carries a real rush of promise, with its roughly made and almost deliberately humble aspect. The eye is coaxed through clear Perspex panels to an awkward, rough internal state, with small drawings in ballpoint pen and newspaper photographs included for no obvious reason. This piece manages to embody the transitory nature of the whole show.

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## LAW

Lord Mackay of Clashfern analyses the role of Europe's courts in the UK legal system

## The job of our judges

The following is an edited version of the speech delivered by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, at this year's Times Law Awards, sponsored by One Essex Court. This year, candidates were invited to write an essay on the topic "The law in the 1990s — a new Supreme Court?"

The House of Lords is the final court of appeal in the United Kingdom for civil matters, and for criminal matters for England and Wales. So long as the European Convention on Human Rights is not incorporated into our domestic law, the Strasbourg court will remain a special jurisdiction, rather than a further line of appeal. The Luxembourg court, in a different way, also has its own special area of competence: namely, the enforcement of European Community law.

So for now at least, the House of Lords remains the final court of appeal in the United Kingdom, with the exception that it does not hear appeals on criminal matters from Scotland. But the phrase "Supreme Court" is commonly understood to mean a great deal more than simply that the court in question is the final court of appeal.

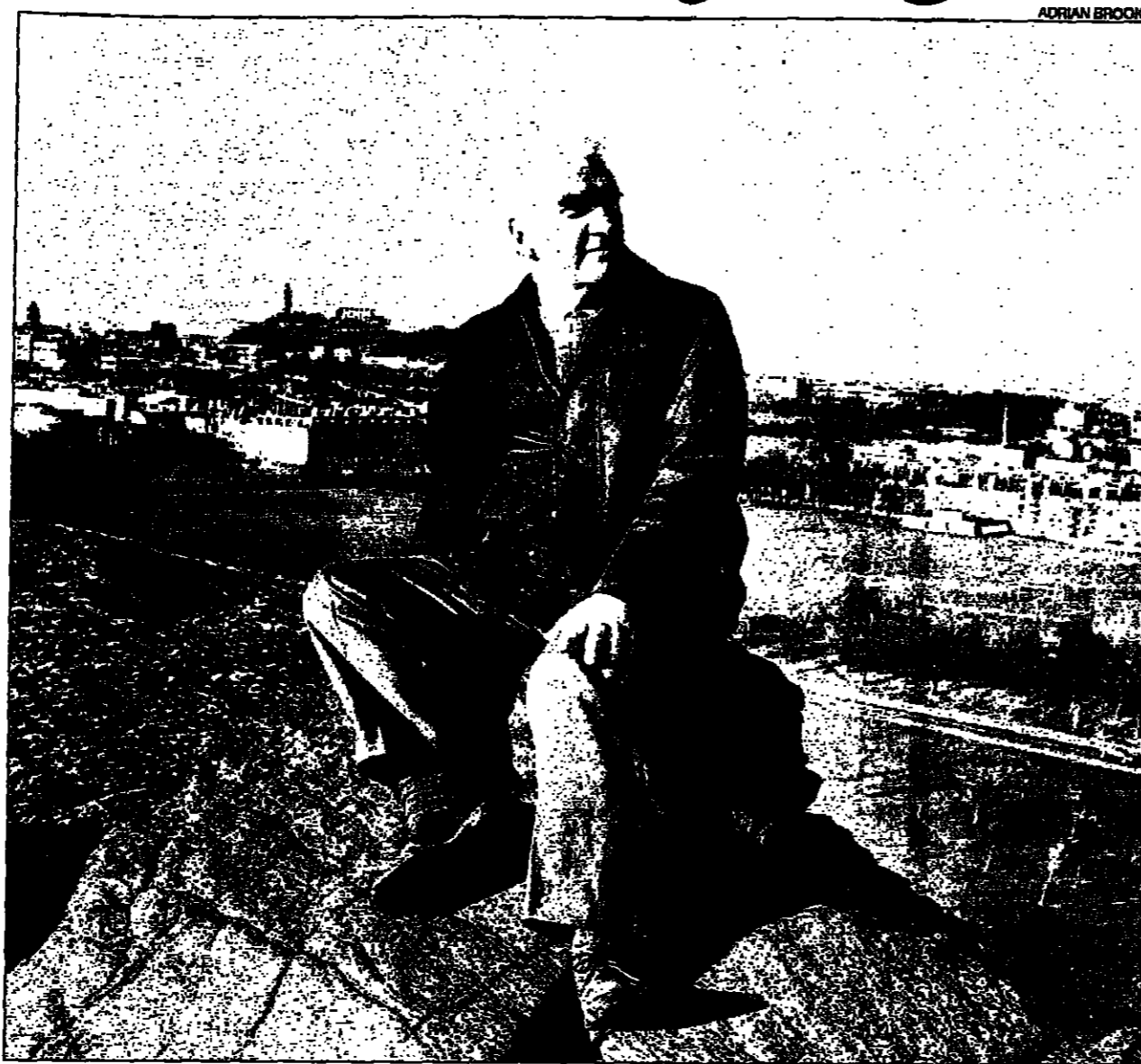
Proactivity has long been a feature of our judicial system. Our judges have to decide on the basis of the facts before them how to apply the law. The law may be found in a statute, passed by Parliament. But sometimes there is no statute. More often still, the correct application of the statute to the particular circumstances is not entirely plain.

Where there is a gap in the law, our judges are required to take account of precedent to apply the law properly. In circumstances in which the law is unclear, it will be for the judge to decide the best way to proceed, and the result may be a decision that is in some ways innovative. This is part of the normal process of the development of the common law, and has been a feature of our system for a long time.

But our essayists [in the Times law competition] were more concerned about the circumstance where the law was, at least on the surface, quite plain, and where the judges decided to take a different course from the one apparently dictated by the statute.

A court that was able to override the wishes of Parliament would certainly be a great deal more than simply a final line of appeal, and could be argued to be "supreme" in a way that is genuinely "new" for our country. It is my firm view, however, that the duty of the judge is to apply the law as he finds it, not to seek to rectify perceived inadequacies by the use of creative interpretation. On occasions, this may result in deficiencies in the law becoming apparent.

This is what happened in the recent case of *Preddy*, where the House of Lords found that the law of theft as it then stood did not count certain types of transaction as obtaining possession of the property of another, and that, therefore, obtaining money



Lord Mackay of Clashfern near his home in Edinburgh: "It is a pillar of our democracy that all are subject to the rule of law"

fraudulently by such means could not be a theft. When such deficiencies in the law become apparent, it is for Parliament to respond, as it has done, to rectify the situation.

I have no doubt there are some circumstances in which certain judicial decisions have appeared not to fit neatly and tidily into this analysis. It is dangerous, however, to reach this conclusion too readily, especially if one's analysis is based only on the reports that are widely published. Very

often, a more careful inspection will show that the judges have not been quite so enthusiastically innovative as it might have appeared at first blush. In addition, as one of our essayists pointed out, it is right for the judges to be cautious in dealing with socially sensitive matters where innovation is an option. As the essay says: "A progressive judiciary is one which pays careful consideration to the sensitivities involved in difficult issues."

The relationship of the judges with Parliament is still more complicated than that. The law lords, by definition, are not merely the judicial complement of the highest court of appeal in the land; they are also members of the House of Lords. They have the right to vote on legislation pas-

sing through the Lords, and to speak in debates on that legislation. They are members of Parliament, in its wider sense. My personal view is that this is a source of great strength, both to the judiciary and to the House of Lords. It means that Parliament has a resource of legal expertise of the very highest calibre. It also means that the judiciary is headed by senior judges with direct personal experience of the process of law-making of a legislative kind.

strictly speaking a constitutional jurisdiction, but it does exist to help to ensure that the actions of the executive branch of government are lawful.

The extent to which this jurisdiction is used has increased quite dramatically and this may seem to indicate a move towards greater judicial supremacy. One might argue that this is merely the development of a principle that has been present in our law for a long time; namely, that the actions of government cannot be above the law.

What is remarkable to me is that the number of successful review applications is still comparatively small — the actions of the executive have in the very great majority of cases been upheld as lawful. Nevertheless, I do think that these developments represent a new move towards judicial authority being able to have a bearing on the actions of government in a way not previously apparent.

But where does this leave the question of whether the House of Lords is a new Supreme Court for the 1990s? It is to be hoped that no court, or judge, or group of judges will be supreme in the way that some of these observations have suggested. Rather, it is a pillar of our democracy that it is the law itself that is supreme, and that our judges, our Government, and our Parliament are all subject to the rule of law although they all, in various ways, also make the law.

If judges are to change the law, it must be by the development and application of fundamental principles of

disputes between parties concerned about specific events which have occurred in the past. This may show that a particular rule used in the past should no longer apply; but the fundamental principles were always part of the law and it is therefore justifiable to apply them to the case before the court. A judge who in this way administers justice does no more, and no less, than perform that which his oath requires.

Winning essay, page 41

## There is a new move towards judicial authority influencing the actions of government

A second interpretation of the phrase "Supreme Court" concerns the question of a court having jurisdiction in relation to constitutional matters. It is often said that the United Kingdom does not have a written constitution. This is not strictly true. The United Kingdom constitution is not written down in a single document, but many of its features derive from statutes and rules that relate directly to our system of government.

Because our constitutional law is less immediately distinguishable from our general law, so the jurisdiction for its enforcement is necessarily separate. However, in recent years, the Divisional Court jurisdiction in administrative law has grown quite dramatically. This jurisdiction is not

the latest. Mears calls for funds, claiming that though there have been generous donations, he needs 1,000 subscriptions to survive.

Surprise visit

THE unexpected visit last week of the Lord Chief Justice to dispense local justice in Liverpool caused a certain amount of consternation — and not just with the burglar who received a six-year sentence when he was expecting three. About 17 cases were listed for hearing by Lord Bingham of Cornhill. But quite suddenly, large numbers fell out of the list, and found reasons not to be heard.

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## Picking Cherie

FRESH from guest-editing *Prima*, the women's magazine, Cherie Booth, QC, has been appointed to chair the committee organising the annual Bar conference, on September 27. Ms Booth is busy penning in speakers — which so far do not include Tony Blair, despite hopes that she would ask him.

## Slow crawl

The future of *Caterpillar*, the magazine edited by Martin Mears, the former Law Society President, may be in

jeopardy, after a parting of the ways between Mr Mears and Robert Sayer, his former vice-president and co-sponsor.

The Law Society has also

said it will not associate itself with further issues unless they are checked for libel. There were fears that the first issue may have been defamatory. In

## WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT

WHO WILL win the Women of Achievement in the Law Awards? There is still time to nominate candidates and register for this year's awards conference, with its line-up of leading speakers, on April 12. Lord Woolf, Master of the Rolls, will look at the role of women lawyers in civil justice reform, leaders of the Bar and Law Society will outline plans to improve equal opportunities, and speakers including Helena Kennedy, QC, Cherie Booth, QC, Laura Cox QC, and Jane Willets, partner with Edge & Ellison, will field questions in a variety of workshops and open forums.

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## When you're told you're too old

In Middle Temple Hall two weeks ago, the Employment Lawyers Association held its first annual debate. The motion was that "Age discrimination can only be combated by the use of legislation".

The motion was proposed by David Winnick, MP (Labour, Walsall North) and Philip Taylor (Open University Business School Research Fellow). Opposing the motion were Ian Bruce, MP (Conservative, Dorset South) and John Cridland (the CBI's human resources policy director). Each was cross-examined by a scrupulously independent legal panel of Elizabeth Slade, QC, and myself. Fairness was judiciously maintained by the chairman of the association, the solicitor David Cockburn of Pattinson & Brewer.

There was common ground on two important matters. First, that employers habitually discriminate against employees, and potential employees, on the ground of their age. Secondly, that such discrimination is both unfair to individuals (because it denies them opportunities which their talents deserve) and damaging to businesses (which deprive themselves of valuable human resources). The dispute concerned whether legislation is the only, or most effective, means of changing behaviour.

Mr Winnick and Dr Taylor contended that legislation was necessary as an educative statement of public policy, to deter unfair treatment, and to provide a remedy for victims. They said that if legislation had been necessary to fight discrimination on grounds of race, sex and disability, a statute was equally essential to combat age discrimination.

Mr Bruce and Mr Cridland argued that an Act of Parliament would be a very inefficient way of tackling the problem. Good employers already recognised the absurdity of age discrimination, and money would be better spent on promoting non-discrimination than on litigation. It would be difficult to draft provisions that would not lead to absurdities (would Radio 1 be acting lawfully if it preferred to employ a young disc jockey to the highly experienced Sir Jimmy Savile?).

Those proposing the motion were weak on the detail of the proposed legislation and recognised defences that would undermine the principle. Mr Winnick said that it would be necessary to allow the police and the Army to exclude anyone over the age of 50. But if age discrimination is wrong because it denies people the right to have their individual abilities considered irrespective of stereotypes associated with their age, it is difficult to understand why the police or the Army should not employ someone aged 55 who is able to do the job. Dr Taylor was asked whether it would be

unlawful for an employer who can send one employee on a training course to prefer the employee aged 45 to the employee aged 59 who is to retire next year. He said it would be a question of reasonableness for the industrial tribunal to decide.

Those opposing the motion were unrealistic in suggesting that the problem of age discrimination would be remedied without legislation. Mr Bruce confirmed that if he had been in Parliament in 1975-76, he would have voted against the enactment of the Sex Discrimination Act and the Race Relations Act. It was unclear how far he and Mr Cridland would take their principle of opposing statutory intervention; whether, for example, they disapproved of the law prohibiting unfair dismissal because we should rely on educating employers not to dismiss employees unfairly.

The debate did not touch on the differences in principle between age discrimination and discrimination on grounds of sex, race and disability. During the course of our lives, we are all young, middle-aged and (God willing) old, and so can expect to receive a share of the assets distributed by reference to age. Moreover, in important respects our society will continue to be organised by reference to age: I cannot vote until the age of 18 (however mature I may be) and I cannot receive my pension until state retirement age (however deserving I may be).

Nevertheless, just as other forms of unfair employment discrimination can effectively be combated only by legislation, the same is true of age discrimination. Many other countries with legal and social systems similar to our own (for example, the United States, Canada and New Zealand) have found it necessary and appropriate to introduce legislation to prohibit age discrimination. They have managed to address the problems (and they are substantial) of definition and enforcement.

At the beginning of the debate, there were 66 votes in favour of legislation, 18 against, and 18 abstentions. At the end of the debate, there were 63 votes in favour, 31 against, and 6 abstentions. So there remained a very substantial majority for the motion, even though Ian Bruce and John Cridland had persuaded a majority of those who had arrived with no fixed view. Employment lawyers may not be the most neutral audience to vote on the desirability of more employment legislation. But 98 per cent of those attending stayed to the end of a very stimulating debate.

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"Remember that Solomon's throne was supported by lions on both sides: let them be lions, yet lions under the throne"

## The lions start to roar



Errington, 23, an Oxford graduate who is training for the Bar, wins £3,000

Nearly 400 years ago, Francis Bacon warned the judges that they should be like lions at the foot of Solomon's throne, supporting the King but being circumspect that they do not check or oppose any points of sovereignty. Judges were to declare the law, they were not law-makers. This approach formed the basis of the traditional theory of the British constitution and was still pervasive in the 1950s when Lord Denning was harshly rebuked for suggesting that judges might be able to "iron out the creases" when a statute was not sufficiently clear. Lord Simonds accused Lord Denning of a "naked usurpation" of the legislative function of the Queen in Parliament.

By the 1970s, however, the mood was beginning to change as it was gradually acknowledged that judges did not simply declare the law, they created it as well. Francis Bacon may have turned in his grave at such constitutional heresy, but for Lord Reid, in his famous 1972 lecture, the traditional theory was the stuff of the fairytales are made. "In some Aladdin's cave," he said, "there is hidden the Common Law in all its splendour and on a judge's appointment there descends on him knowledge of the magic words 'Open Sesame'. But we do not believe in fairytales any more."

A year later Lord Scarman gave a series of controversial lectures in which he proposed a new constitutional settlement. "I would hope that a Supreme Court of the United Kingdom would be established with the power to invalidate legislation that was unconstitutional and to restrain anyone — citizen, government, even Parliament itself, from acting unconstitutionally."

This was a far cry from our docile lions at the foot of the Sovereign. Thus the rumblings of a quiet revolution in the judiciary were spreading. Attitudes were changing. New, more progressive judges were being appointed and the seeds of Lord Scarman's "new Supreme Court" had been planted. The results of that quiet revolution speak loudly in the decisions of the law lords this decade. The chastising of Michael Howard by the House of Lords in April 1995 is a striking example of the increasing willingness of the law lords to intervene in the day-to-day running of the executive. The Home Secretary's plans to reduce the cost of criminal injuries compensation were described by Lord Browne-Wilkinson as "mean, arbitrary and unjust", and "not only constitutionally dangerous, but (flying) in the face of common sense". In his dissenting judgment, Lord Mustill felt that the issues raised in the case "push to the very boundaries of the distinction between court and Parliament". Yet, as Lord Goff conceded in *Woolwich Building Society* (1992), the boundary goalposts may move: "although I am aware of the existence of the boundary, I am never quite sure where to find it. Much seems to depend on the circumstances of the case." In other words, the law lords now enjoy a greater discretion to "mould and re-

mould the authorities" (Lord Goff). In addition, the House of Lords recently ruled to give greater freedom to statutory interpretation — parliamentary materials may now be consulted in cases of ambiguity. The law lords of the 1990s are more prepared than at any other time in our constitutional history to use their powers of discretion to overturn old law or to probe uncharted territories in highly sensitive social issues. In 1991 the House of Lords overturned the ruling that a husband could not be guilty of raping his wife. Such judicial activism was well received and any damage to the principle of

legal certainty by creating a retrospective crime could be considered a small price to pay. Lord Keith suggested that the common law was "capable of evolving in the light of social, economic and cultural developments". Such developments give rise to new ethical dilemmas. In the case of *Bland*, the House of Lords decided that a doctor could lawfully withhold life-sustaining drugs from a coma patient who had no hope of recovery. Lord Browne-Wilkinson dissented because he believed that the social, moral and legal issues raised by the case were the domain of Parliament rather than the courts. The dissenting judgment serves to highlight that the majority were prepared to push out the constitutional boundaries.

The constitutional role of the law lords has also been profoundly affected by our membership with Europe. By virtue of the 1972 European Communities Act, European Commission law takes precedent over any inconsistent national measures. The cold reality of this was illustrated in 1991 when the Transport Secretary was taken to court by a group of Spanish fishermen who claimed that the 1988 Merchant Shipping Act was contrary to EC legislation and should therefore be suspended. The House of Lords found in their favour.

Commission law has conferred on us new rights and expectations, and any enforcement of those rights will require domestic remedies to be exhausted first. This means that the courts will be obliged to review a statutory rule or policy against a European standard. Such a role is similar to that of the Supreme Court of the United States, where judges are called on to decide whether a legal provision meets the criteria of a constitutional Bill of Rights. It also poses the danger of politicising the judges.

So it appears that the lions are no longer sitting at the feet of the King. Far from it. The latter half of this century has witnessed a revolution in judicial thinking and this is borne out by the decisions of the law lords in the 1990s and the emergence of a new Supreme Court. The law lords have claimed previously uncharted legal territory and pushed out the boundaries on judicial creativity. So far so good. However, their role in enforcing EC law could drag them into the political arena. Ironically then, the circumstances which have helped to produce a "new Supreme Court" could also lead to its downfall if it is allowed to lose its impartiality.

## Why Howard's law is a public danger

The Crime (Sentences) Bill returns to the Lords on Thursday for its report stage — in practice, the last chance to debate the principles of the Bill. Its key provision — the introduction of automatic life sentences for offenders convicted for a second time of certain "serious offences" — has been opposed by senior judges, including the Lord Chief Justice.

They argue that it will restrict judicial discretion, result in unjust sentences, lead to unmerited acquittals and possibly result in the commission of even more serious crimes by offenders who know that they will face an automatic life sentence in any event.

Powerful though these arguments are, they obscure the most serious objection: that the automatic life sentence will utterly fail in its stated purpose of increasing the protection of the public.

Take three examples, all based on recent court cases. Defendant A tries to rob a small post office; his weapon is a cucumber concealed in a plastic bag. He has previously been convicted of a similar offence.

Defendant B breaks into a house in the small hours of the morning, knowing that it is occupied by a young woman and her small children. He enters her bedroom intending to rape her, but when she wakes up her screams wake the children, and the combined noise persuades him to leave. Defendant B has a previous conviction for rape committed in almost identical circumstances.

Defendant C commits a series of sexual attacks on women, over a period of several years. The attacks, which include rapes, are carried out with potentially lethal violence. Psychiatrists say that he is an aggressive psychopath who is likely to commit further similar offences. He has no previous convictions.

Of these three defendants, only A will qualify for Mr Howard's automatic life sentence. He has been convicted of a "serious offence" — robbery while in possession of an imitation firearm — and has a previous conviction for a similar offence. The court will not be able to find "exceptional circumstances", as



Automatic life sentencing will let dangerous men go free, says David Thomas

all offences of robbery while in possession of an imitation firearm by definition involve fake weapons.

Defendant B will not qualify for an automatic life sentence, because his offence, burglary with intent to rape, is not a "serious offence" for the purpose of the Bill. The court will have to pass a determinate sentence, not exceeding 14 years.

Defendant C has committed a "serious offence" — but he will not qualify for an automatic life sentence as he has not previously been convicted of a "serious offence". To qualify for an automatic life sentence, it is not sufficient to commit a second serious offence (as Mr Howard frequently tells the media); the second serious offence must be committed after the defendant has been convicted of the first. Defendant C may find himself with a life sentence, but only if the judge in the exercise of his discretion decides to pass one.

These examples are only a few of the many which could be found of the absurdities and anomalies

which will result. What is the logic of requiring an automatic life sentence for a man who carries out robberies while armed with a toy pistol, but not for a man who robs while armed with a real knife?

The whole argument for bringing in automatic life sentences rests on Mr Howard's frequently quoted statistic that in 1994, 217 offenders were convicted of a second "serious offence" and only ten of them were sentenced to life imprisonment. No details of these cases have been published. All that is known about them is that in only two did the Attorney-General refer the case to the Court of Appeal on the ground that the sentence was unduly lenient.

Mr Howard's explanation that the Attorney-General cannot refer a long determinate sentence to the Court of Appeal on the ground that it is unduly lenient is quite simply wrong. The Attorney-General can, and does, refer such cases. One recent example is the case of Orlando Baker, heard in the Court of Appeal in May 1996, where the Court of Appeal increased a sentence of nine years for rape to life imprisonment; the same action was taken in October 1995 in the case of Sylvester Semper, where eight years was increased to life. There are other examples.

The reality is that courts do not award discretionary life sentences in the arbitrary and capricious way Mr Howard implies. There are well-defined criteria, laid down in case law 30 years ago, and recently restated by the Lord Chief Justice in another case where a life sentence was substituted on a reference by the Attorney-General.

They emphasise the dangerousness of the offender, rather than the accident of the particular offence of which he has been convicted. If they are wrong or inadequate, Parliament might be wiser to consider how they could be improved — rather than devise an extra system that will merely produce anomalies and not help the courts to deal with truly dangerous offenders who at present escape a discretionary life sentence as a result of quirks in the statutory law.

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FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN PARIS

THE athletics shop window is undergoing refurbishment. No body could argue that the introduction of prize-money and world record bonuses did not have the desired beneficial effect on the world indoor championships here, but the refiters are not finished. The concept of match racing was given a novel twist at the weekend with the announcement of a \$1 million two-mile challenge between Haile Gebrselassie and Nour-eddine Morceli.

Other developments under consideration are a streamlined International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) grand prix and the introduction of events for veterans on the professional circuit. As the British Athletic Federation recognised, with its jazzed-up, though not necessarily improved, presentation of its indoor grand prix meeting a fortnight ago, the sport needs to move with the times. Selected veterans events would appeal in the same way that golf and tennis sells its seniors competitions to people who enjoy being led down memory lane.

More significant, though, in the way that athletics is changing is the trend towards head-to-head races. Promoters cannot claim them as new, far from it, given that Walter George and others were attracting spectators in tens of thousands last century. However, the sums of money now luring the best athletes into the kind of confrontations that Sebastian Coe and Steve Ovett avoided are proving irresistible for the athletes.

There will be in excess of \$1 million (about £670,000) at stake when Donovan Bailey races Michael Johnson over 150 metres in Toronto on June 1, with several other well-paid head-to-heads on the undercard, such as Allen Johnson versus Colin Jackson.

Now Jos Hermens, the Dutch promoter, has given notice that he will stage Gebrselassie against Morceli the day before in Hengelo, Holland. The race differs from the Toronto sprint in that the \$1 million will be paid only if the time goal is

achieved and is unlike the monotonous proliferation of the middle and long distance world record attempts because two athletes, rather than one, will be following the pacemakers. When Gebrselassie and Morceli meet, they will have one eye for the world record, one for each other.

Hermens is to invite Sir Roger Bannister to start the race for a sub-eight-minute two miles, 43 years after he was first to achieve the four-minute mile. "The loser gets nothing," Hermens said, except his "normal" appearance fee. The same goes for the winner, unless he breaks eight minutes.

The aspect concerning some is that the shoe company putting up the money is stamping on the sport's toes by inviting only its own contracted athletes, leaving out Daniel Komen, who is sponsored by a rival manufacturer. Hermens accepts the criticism, but insists that athletics still stands to benefit.

"It is to show the outside world we are a professional sport," Hermens said. "We need this kind of thing, otherwise we are losing the battle against sports like basketball, Formula One and tennis. The sport will survive, but no more than that."

The IAAF grand prix has no title sponsor. "Sponsors are interested only in these kind of things," Hermens added. "If you look at the viewing figures in Britain, it [the decline] is dramatic. This will have a big impact."

Yekaterina Podkopayeva, 44, having had a battle royal with Mary Slaney, 38, for the 1,500 metres gold medal here, underlined to Sandro Giovannelli, the IAAF competitions director, that professional veteran racing may have a future. The money in the sport has kept athletes at it for longer — Christie and Merlene Ottey are still racing at 36 — and keen competition among the forties, something, reviving memories of earlier Olympic rivalries, is worth discussing. "The idea is a good one and we have to investigate it," Giovannelli said.



Susanti has enjoyed the most successful singles career of the professional era

## Susanti seeks fitting farewell

POUL-ERIK HOYER's attempt to become the first player for 23 years to win three successive singles titles may attract the most attention at the Yonex All-England badminton championships, which start at the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham today.

Hoyer, the Olympic champion, from Denmark, has almost become an honorary Englishman this year, settling as a tax exile, training and practising with the national squad in Milton Keynes and making encouraging pronouncements about how the behind-the-scenes set-up has never been better and can turn around the fortunes of the least successful group of players that the country has had.

Yet a more momentous achievement would be if Susi Susanti, from Indonesia, were to regain the women's title in the last All-England championships of the most successful singles career in the professional era. Susanti, who

Richard Eaton assesses the chances of a great champion recapturing the All-England title

should be Susanti's last tournament.

On the most recent evidence, Susanti should be more consistent than Mia Audina, the No 1 seed and Olympic silver medal-winner. In fact, Susanti may meet Ye Zhaoying, the world champion from China, in the final on Saturday if she gets the better of the teenage Audina. That would make a suitably dramatic exit at the world's oldest tournament.

The best hope of home success probably disappeared yesterday when Darren Hall withdrew with the same Achilles injury that prevented him from trying to extend his record of English national titles to nine last month.

It is ironic that one of only two British seeds in the tournament, the women's doubles combination of Kelly Morgan and Joanne Muggeridge, includes a player who has been thrown out of the national squad after a row about fitness. Muggeridge is now having to pay her own way.

## MOTOR RACING

# McLaren emerge from wilderness to hail new dawn

FROM OLIVER HOIT IN MELBOURNE

OUTSIDE in the sunshine, David Coulthard and Mika Hakkinen stood on the pit wall and raised each other's arms in triumph, to the delight of the crowd of supporters who had spilt on to the track. Inside, in a corner of the McLaren garage, Ron Dennis, the team's managing director, was keeping it all in, afraid of letting his emotions run wild. "It's not my style," he said.

The temptation, though, must have been enormous. In the three seasons of blight since McLaren slipped from the pinnacle of Formula One, in the 49 races that they had endured without a win, he has been ridiculed as a vainglorious has-been who had lost the plot and was leading his team farther and farther into the wilderness.

However, in the Australian Grand Prix here on Sunday, Coulthard not only ended the McLaren drought with a stirring victory in the opening race of the season but also served notice that the championship is far from being a two-horse race between Jacques Villeneuve and Michael Schumacher.

Coulthard's win was hailed here yesterday as a victory for David over the Goliaths, but, by the beginning of the European phase of the season, at Imola in April, he could still be challenging the championship giants. Even Dennis allowed himself to join in the optimism.

"When you start to get it right," he said, "it is like pushing a snowball down a hill. It can gain momentum and size. The win in itself is important, but the best part of winning is the effect it has on the team. It makes you feel the extra desire to succeed again and only winning can do that."

"It has been a hard few years, but I think 'despair' is too strong a word for the way I have felt. If you are professional, you have to be able to understand what has changed, what you need to do to get back to winning. We have never lost the knowledge of how to win, but there have been times when we were really low. We are a stronger team this year in every sense."

Dennis, who admitted that the

team's decline was hastened by his willingness to pay Ayrton Senna so handsomely to stay with the team in 1993 and the resultant neglect of car development, said that, even if Villeneuve had not been eliminated from the race at the first corner after a rash overtaking manoeuvre from Eddie Irvine, he was confident that Coulthard could have beaten him "in a straight fight".

McLaren's optimism has also been enhanced by the fact that they have significant new developments, including Mercedes engine improvements, scheduled for introduction to the car before Imola. With those in mind, Coulthard felt confident enough yesterday to suggest that he could challenge for the title this season.

"At the beginning of the season, everyone was predicting the title would be between Jacques and Michael," he said. "I think I have shown I can mix it with them as well as anyone and I do not see any reason why that should change."

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think it is going to be a fantastic season and I have a feeling that Williams will not always be centre stage."

Patrick Head, the Williams technical director, muttered darkly about "homework" that the team had to do, particularly on counter-acting a brake overheating problem, but, for Damon Hill, his former employee, the hours spent trying to put things right with his new Arrows-Yamaha team may be considerably longer and more frustrating.

Hill remained cheerful after he was let down continually by the car throughout the weekend, but admitted that things may not improve in the next two races, in Brazil and Argentina. "It is going to be like this until we get back to Europe," Hill said. "Then the improvements will start coming through. Until then, I have just got to look at things dispassionately and try to learn from them." Maybe Ron Dennis could teach him a thing or two about that.

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# Cove leads from front in French crusade



Cove is looking forward to a brighter future for rugby league with Paris Saint-Germain at the impressive Charlety Stadium. Photograph: Gill Allen

Selling rugby league in Paris is like chipping away at Mont Blanc with a toothpick. The football manager at Paris Saint-Germain is up against ignorance, intransigence and French sporting politics that would make Machiavelli weep — and then there is the fact that the football manager at Paris Saint-Germain is a woman.

Rebecca Cove is 29 and nearly two months into a job that has overtaken a mission impossible. She is the Yorkshire-born daughter of a vicar, with all the cussedness and faith that implies. She was introduced to rugby league in the role of watching girlfriend while at Leeds University. Her passion for the game outlasted the relationship. Now her life is organising the Gallic outpost of the Stones Super League.

The club is nominally based in a hotel on the western outskirts of the city. Training is on a nearby island in the River Seine. The accents are strictly English (the management) and Australian (players and coaches). They are foreigners playing a foreign game in a foreign city. Like the rest, Cove attends French language classes twice a week and the cultural visits deemed important for integration, even though the players are mostly on one-season contracts.

Do they not feel isolated? "We've been here nearly two months and everyone loves it — the life, the

## Christopher Irvine talks to the woman charged with converting a still sceptical Parisian public to the delights of rugby league

culture, the whole new experience." Cove said. "We've perhaps struck up more of a family relationship than at other clubs because we've all been thrown together into this. The ambition to succeed is shared. We hope soon to start clinics and get into schools, when we can really get stuck into development of the game."

Cove is not unused to missionary work on league's behalf. She was club secretary at London Crusaders (now Broncos) for 2½ years. Now she holds the most influential position of any woman at club level. A sport in which the female audience has been the most significant growth area recently had its first woman president, Kath Hetherington. Emma Rosewarne is a leading executive at the Rugby Football League (RFL) in Leeds and more women are being appointed to senior positions throughout the game.

"It is a tribute to the forward-thinking attitude of rugby league, even though it is still predominantly male, that it has no problems with females in high-level jobs," Cove said. "How often have you seen a woman in the members' bar at Lord's or one in a senior role at



Twickenham? I am not knocking what other sports see as tradition. At least rugby league creates opportunities for people regardless of race and gender."

It is an enlightened attitude, which is not shared in France. The wheels of progress grind notoriously slowly

**TOMORROW**

The newspaper editor turned rugby league spin-doctor

and rugby league is generally greeted with the same suspicion at official level as a white loaf in a *boulangerie*. Paris scrap for media attention — the Australian press has given far more coverage — and the football club, to which the rugby league club is supposed to be attached, is sometimes loftily dismissive.

The public reaction is less sceptical. A policy of free tickets, not peculiar in France, is being maintained. An average home attendance of 8,000 last season was respectable. The difference this year is that most of the French players were deemed not good enough — the three surviving musketeers, Pierre Chamin, Pascal Bonatti and Fabien Devecchi, do not arrive for another fortnight — and a French crowd will be expected to get behind an all-Australian Paris team for the first visit of Leeds, on Friday week.

Cove, who took up her appointment from the RFL in January, is upbeat and single-minded. "We've taken knocks about the numbers of Australians," she said. "People must remember that we are developing the game here and to do that we need to be competitive. The eventual aim

is to have an essentially French squad, but it will take time. London now has an Academy team that's predominantly English, but they, too, are at a development stage."

"In the first year, most of the French players were not up to the standard required, even though they won their first game, at home to Sheffield. Now that rugby league has gone global, we need full-time pros with a professional attitude in order to win matches. Nothing else counts. When you are winning, you can start building sponsorship, bigger crowds, increased revenue. If that means having 21 Australians over here, so be it."

"Maybe in five years we'll have a competitive team of Frenchmen. If we finish one place off the bottom again, though, we will be struggling. We're acutely aware that this is a pressure season, but on the field we're looking far better. Off it, we're moving forward — an inch a day, perhaps, but it's the right direction."

Cove has half-succeeded in convincing her father, a rugby union addict, about league's attributes. Although Paris narrowly lost at Salford in the Challenge Cup last month, a determined performance suggested that they are capable of upsetting this season and winning over their French sceptics at the magnificent Charlety Stadium. Their football manager expects no less.

## ICE HOCKEY

### Shot-shy Storm blown off course

SPARE a thought for Manchester Storm (Norman de Mesquita writes). Having improved sufficiently during the last few weeks of the regular season to avoid finishing bottom of the Superleague, they went into the play-offs with high hopes, particularly

as the knockout stage of the championship is to be played in their own Nyx Arena. Three defeats in as many games, however, means that they are unlikely to qualify for the semi-finals. While the defence has performed well, conceding only three goals in

each game, the forwards have virtually disappeared, managing only one goal so far in the play-offs.

John Lawless, the Storm's manager-coach, said: "We have had so many injuries during the season that I am just pleased to have enough fit defencemen, and we have perhaps concentrated on stopping the opposition and just clearing the puck without establishing the necessary link between defence and attack."

Lawless also admits that he underestimated the standard of the Superleague, having made the jump from the first division.

In contrast, Cardiff Devils, Lawless's former team, have won the Superleague and are the first team to qualify for the semi-finals, with four wins out of four. Either Ayr Scottish Eagles or Newcastle Cobras will accompany the Devils from group A after they meet in Scotland on Saturday.

Nottingham Panthers and Sheffield Steelers should come through from group B. Who finishes top will depend on the outcome of their meeting in Sheffield tomorrow.

## ROWING

### Leander may end ban on women

LEANDER, the home to Steve Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent, is consulting its 2,800-strong worldwide membership about the possibility of admitting women for the first time (Mike Rosewell writes).

The move has been prompted by the offering of a £15 million National Lottery grant towards a £23 million development plan. One condition is that the club must comply with the Sports Council's open membership policy, which would mean that women must be accepted on the same terms as men.

Christopher Rodrigues, the Leander chairman, does not anticipate any problems. "World-class women's rowing is now just that, and the vast majority of our membership... will be supportive of the rule changes," he said.

Pinsent said: "I have no reservations about women joining, as long as entrance requirements standards... are the same as for men."

## HOCKEY

### Oxford have record win in their sights

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

OXFORD have dominated the University match in recent years, but they may encounter their sternest challenge for some time at the Milton Keynes Stadium today. Cambridge will take the field knowing that a successful generation of Oxford players has moved on and that their opponents have been suffering injury problems.

Oxford, who are aiming for a record seven consecutive victories against their old rivals in the University match, have four players out of action. In addition, a knee injury has restricted the training periods that Barr, the captain, can undertake. Barr, Cope and Griffiths are the only members of the original Oxford line-up in the 1996 match, which Oxford won 4-1.

Oxford announced their line-up on Sunday night after a 1-0 defeat by Firebrands in the National League. The mainspring of their attack is Bretten, formerly of Durham

University, who is their leading scorer this season.

Cambridge, who had made their choice earlier, completed their preparations on Saturday with a 4-1 victory over Dereham in the premier division of the Adnams East League. Mannall and Playfair had a goal apiece and will continue to launch their attacks in a two-man front-line.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: C. Cope (King's Bruin and St Catherine's); T. Griffiths (Whitgift and Kibbles); J. MacCormick (Hucknall and St. New Zealand and Epsom); M. Barr (King's HS, New Zealand and New College, captain); D. Rammann (Canford and St Catherine's); R. Irvine (Kingston GS and Lincoln); B. Cope (Epsom and Braunston); T. Johnson (Whitgift and Jesus); G. Bennett (Clifton and Kettle); T. Matthews (Hale Road South Form Coll and St Edmund Hall); D. Edwards (Epsom and St Edmund Hall).

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## RADIO CHOICE

### A Boris and Albert Show

The Curves of Cleo: O'Shannondoah, Radio 3, 8.15pm.

Clever, funny title. Clever, funny play. David Pownall imagines what might have happened if reality had been stood on its head on an October night in 1994. The aircraft carrying a sozzled Boris Yeltsin touches down at Shannon airport. Waiting to meet and greet him are the Taoiseach, Albert Reynolds (Sean Barrett), and his Irish interpreter (Roger May). No state visit this. What Yeltsin (Jonathan Adams) wants is a permanent tax-free home in Ireland; what Reynolds wants is a weekend party with Yeltsin, spent discussing crime and *Ulysses*; and all that Yeltsin's lustful interpreter (Joanna Monro) wants is a baby by her Irish opposite number ("You're married? I will shoot your wife"). Where would we be without fantasy...

Novel America, Radio 4 (FM), 10.00am.

To test the authenticity of Zane Grey's landscapes and characters in *Riders of the Purple Sage*, Martin Wainwright visits southern Utah. Sure enough, the red rock canyons are there, so is the sage, so are the cowboys. In such a setting, it is not difficult to conjure up perhaps Grey's most enduring creation, Jem Lassiter, the noble avenger with black guns and lightning draw. *Novel America* salutes the man who penned the best of cowboy novels and the Americans' flair for constantly reinventing the old Wild West according to Zane Grey.

Peter Daville

## RADIO 1

7.00am Mark Radcliffe with the Breakfast Show live from Manchester 9.00am Simon Mayo 12.00pm Jo Whiteley, includes at 12.30pm Newsbeat 2.00pm Nicky Campbell, includes live tracks from the Corrs Rediffusion 3.00pm Kevn Greener 5.15pm Newsbeat 6.30pm Evening Session with Steve Lamacq 8.30pm John Peel 10.30pm Mary Ann Hobbs 1.00am Case Surgeon 4.00pm Clive Warren

## RADIO 2

6.00am Alex Lester 7.30pm Sarah Kennedy 9.30pm Ken Bruce 11.30pm Jimmy Young 1.30pm Bob Carroll 2.30pm Ed Maudslayi 3.00pm John Dunn 7.00pm Hayes over Britain 8.30pm A Town Like Alice. Neil Shute's classic tale dramatised by Moya Shute. With Bernard Hepton (6.45-8.00pm) Steve Riss, Beatrix and Barbara Sturs 10.00pm Explorer 11.30pm Tom Baker explores the science we encounter every day 11.30pm The Jamisons 12.00am Steve Riss 8.00pm Charles Howe

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# A pitiable story of apparent hopelessness

It has been a screenplay instead of real life, last night's *Cutting Edge: The Lost Boy* (Channel 4) would surely have taken a different turn. It concerned Sheffield grandparent Eddie and Christine Needham searching in Greece for their snatched grandson Ben, missing since 1991. Ben had been playing outside their house on Kos when he disappeared, and it was clear they still blamed themselves. Neither was an ideal subject for television, since they didn't speak well, and were often in tears — but at least we could follow their unassisted efforts to investigate sightings of little blond boys begging on the Athens Underground, or renting sunbeds on a Cretan beach.

And this was the odd thing about *The Lost Boy*, it seemed to me: Everywhere they looked, other little Bens were discovered leading ghastly lives, yet the Needhams

hardly noticed the hard world of child labour their search uncovered. In a Hollywood film, they'd have snatched back another kiddie to save it, mistaken the situation, and ended up in a pickle. But the Needhams just kept brushing them from their faces and pursuing their obsessive search for Ben, while their traumatised daughter Kerry (Ben's mother) stayed at home in Sheffield bonding with a new child, and tried not to get her hopes up when a trail in Greece glowed falsely warm.

This was not an optimistic film, clearly. The rustle of leaves in an olive grove has rarely sounded so sinister as when the Needhams returned to windy Kos to show the site of Ben's abduction. Lost souls themselves, they walked dismally in the long white grass where a caravan formerly stood, shocked that all trace of it (and of themselves in happier times) had completely vanished.

Whether tellis should show us living souls in torment is an arguable matter. But aside from publicity for the case, there seemed no other reason for Nick Godwin's compassionate film. Since the most likely fate for Ben had been illegal adoption within Greece, the Needhams' search was not by any means irrational, but it was still pretty hopeless, and was driven entirely by a self-blame unlikely ever to be assuaged. You could feel nothing for them but pity. Even though the search was destroying them, how could they resist?

The second episode of the new *Kavanagh QC* series (ITV) kept up the good work of the first with a tightly constructed mystery and one of the best concealed clues I've seen in a while. Written by Matthew Hall, this episode was called *Blood Money*, a phrase which ostensibly referred to a widow's claim for

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compensation against a negligent hospital, where her rich husband died in theatre. But actually it was simpler than that. Under cross-examination, surgeon Jose Simon finally admitted that her patient died when a blood bag was interfered with. And the reason for this? The cost of blood. Hence, you see, "blood money". Damn clever, that. *Kavanagh QC* has improved considerably since the last series,

although I have to say Kavanagh himself (John Thaw) is still a blank sheet as far as personality is concerned. "Rich", "married", "northern" and "successful" don't amount to much characterisation, although of course they do help to differentiate him from old Endeavour Morse (a quite ridiculous name, incidentally, which I firmly believe Colin Dexter invented only out of desperation, to annoy people).

Last night, Kavanagh's son got the worst A-level results on record, but I don't know why I mention it, nobody cares. The families of professional heroes — doctors, policemen, vets, pathologists — are always a bore on telly. "We never see you, you're too busy," they complain endlessly, until you want to smite them with a frying pan. The additionally annoying thing about hero spouses is that when they are not whingeing about ruined dinners, they are being

held at knifepoint by a crazed suspect. Either way, you see, they just refuse to lead independent lives.

So thumbs down to the sullen kid's tertiary education prospects, and back to court as soon as possible. Jose Simon had to wait a long time last night for her big, star-witness scene, but it was worth it when she came — she was dignified, and spoke so beautifully, she might have been Joan of Arc. Up to that point, however, it must be noted that she relied over-much on the Janet McTeer system of reactive screen acting, which involves bulging the eyes unnaturally, as though swallowing a hard-boiled egg under duress. I can't think why directors don't tell good actresses not to do this. It does them no favours at all.

BBC's three-night *Balls to Africa* series — comedians playing football for Comic Relief — ran up

against an ethical problem in its second programme. Yes, yes, football is a global language. Yes, yes, happy faces greet the team's progress, and welcome the benefits of Comic Relief. All this is fine, even dandy. In fact, *Balls to Africa* is in every way entertaining. But a weasel doubt has been introduced: isn't it bad form to turn up in little villages to play against deserving objects of charity and beat them?

Finally, disbelieve it or not, a joke cropped up in *EastEnders* (BBC1). Yes, a joke. At a welcome-home drink, Bianca described her Spanish friend Guillermo: "He speaks four different languages and knows all about fashion!" At which, Carol quipped "Like Ricky, then?" and everyone laughed. My goodness, have the scriptwriters been watching *Coronation Street*? Don't they know the rules? Had a dancing bear performed a dying swan in the Vic, it could hardly have come as a greater surprise.

## CHOICE

6.00am Business Breakfast (25966)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (72053)

9.00 Breakfast News Extra (72053/68)

9.20 Style Challenge (4530275)

9.45 Kilroy (4203140)

10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (72614)

11.00 News (7) and weather (623237)

11.05 The Really Useful Show (784966)

11.35 Change That (8423898)

12.00 News (7) and weather (730956)

12.05pm The Alphabet Game (532116)

12.30 Going for a Song (681237)

12.55 The Weather Show (7975570)

1.00 News (7) and weather (730956)

1.30 Regional News (83432546)

1.40 Neighbours Libby and Darren decide to put their relationship on hold (7) (11729053)

2.05 Snowy River: The McGregor Saga (5161053)

2.50 As Time Goes By (5055904)

3.20 Noble Causes (2658463)

3.28 Video Nation Shorts (7703512)

3.30 Playdays (5281782) 3.50 Casper Classics (6846111) 3.55 Hubbub (6883350) 4.10 Prince of Atlantis (1280072) 4.35 The Mask (5235458) 5.00 Newsround (7) (3583362) 5.10 Grange Hill (5768643)

5.35 Neighbours (7) (512850)

6.00 News (7) and weather (459)

6.30 Newsround South East (411)

7.00 Holiday Featuring a safari in South Africa; Andalusia; and the Greek island of Kos. Plus: Guernsey and Liverpool (7) (8701)

7.30 EastEnders (7) (695)

8.00 Children's Hospital Profile of anaesthetist Fiona Reynolds (7) (4121)

8.30 999 Lifesavers Acts of heroism and bravery, including a baby who was trapped in a bath, an 11-year-old who knew how to deal with a human fire, and a fight to save a deer from a river (7) (3256)

9.00 News (7) and weather (6958)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave Victor's blood reaches boiling point when he is asked to linger in the solicitor's waiting room (7) (42512)

10.00 Crimewatch UK Nick Ross and Jill Dando appeal for information on a gang who shot and seriously wounded a security guard outside a supermarket (7) (722935)

10.50 Comic Relief: Balls to Africa The last of three special reports. A photographic diary of the Sporting News tour has been published with all proceeds going to Comic Relief (7) (771850) WALES: 10.50 One Foot in the Grave 11.20 Crimewatch: Balls to Africa 12.00 FILM: Pyrates 1.30 News

11.20 Crimewatch UK Update (541441)

11.30 Pyrates (1991) Erotic comedy, with Kevin Bacon and Kyrle Sedgwick. A photography student meets his ideal woman in the shape of an alluring thief. Directed by Neill Stephenson (59304)

1.00am Weather (3384522)

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SKY 1

6.00am Morning Glory (64072) 8.00 Regis and Kaithe Live (677) 10.00 Another World (6120) 11.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 12.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 1.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 2.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 3.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 4.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 5.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 6.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 7.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 8.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 9.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 10.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 11.00pm The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014) 12.00am The Oprah Winfrey Show (62014)

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His World (7219898) 7.15 Size Heat

Breakfast News (7) (725053) 7.30

Captain Caveman and the Teen Angels

(8886895) 7.55 Blue Peter (7) (7336189)

8.20 Johnson and Friends (7755548)

8.35 The Record (5842053)

9.00 Standard Grade Modern Studies

(5274140) 9.20 The History Collection

(4538817) 9.45 Watch (7067411) 10.00

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version of Twelfth Night (1633) 12.00 See

Heart (81508) 12.30pm Working Lunch

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3.55 News (7) (642824)

4.00 Today's the Day (324) 4.30 Ready,

Steady, Cook (508) 5.00 Esther (3878)

5.30 Seniors Pot Black featuring Terry

Griffiths (188)

6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air (7) (542527)

6.25 Heartbreak High (7) (549701)

7.10 The O Zone (922169)

7.25 Delta's Red Nose Collection with

Gareth Blackstock alias Lenny Henry (7)

(394362)

7.30 From the Edge (237)

8.00 The House Detectives: Church Farm

A 17th-century Wiltshire farmhouse hides a

far more ancient history (5091)

8.30 Food and Drink The first of two features

celebrating British regional food and

Italian wines for under £5 (7) (1898)

9.00 Timewatch: Secret Memories The personal

recollections of six Second World War

veterans who infiltrated enemy territory to

secure the freedom of their countrymen.

Including Tony Brooks who at the tender

age of 20 became the youngest man to be

dropped in France (7) (468072)

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## CHOICE

Loved By You

ITV, 8.30pm

It is sitcom time in a London flat where

recently-wed Michael and Kate (John

Gordon-Sinclair and Trevyn McDowell) are

discovering that married life is not quite the

state of bliss they hoped for. In particular,

their attempts to have time to themselves are

frustrated by pressures of work and the

unwanted distractions of her neurotic sister.

His loutish best mate and irritating married

friends. The plot tonight is about sex, rather

explicitly on far pre-watershed trans-

mission. Like an increasing number of

comedies hitting our screens, *Loved By You*

is an imported American format, which may

explain why it depends more on snappy one-

liners than the development of character.

Gordon-Sinclair's droll playing is an asset to

any comedy, and he is supported by a lively

cast, but the challenge will be to ring the

changes on what seems like a limited joke.

Timewatch: Secret Memories

BBC2, 9.00pm

British agents who worked in occupied

Europe during the Second World War give

their first-hand accounts of a dangerous

mission which claimed the lives of so many

of their colleagues. Whether acting as

wireless operators, couriers, saboteurs or

organisers of resistance groups, the agents

faced the continuous risk of exposure and

with it arrest, interrogation and the



# SCHOOLS REPORT

PRIMARY

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THE FIRST LEAGUE TABLES OF TEST RESULTS IN ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS



Shirley Hartlett, the head teacher, with some of her pupils at Shenington CE school, near Banbury, Oxfordshire, which was one of 15 schools across England to achieve the maximum number of Level 4 grades or above

## Primary school results reveal wide variations

**John O'Leary assesses the value of the first national league table of the standards achieved by 11-year-olds**

Almost 13,000 schools feature in the first primary league tables, the biggest public information exercise since ration books were abolished.

Bigger than the secondary school tables, the two million Government booklets will contain 390 tonnes of paper, the whole operation costing £1.3 million. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, claims the results will "shine a bright light into every classroom in the land".

The process has been bitterly contested by teachers and some school governors, however. As with the secondary tables, many educationists believe the results reflect the nature of a school's intake more than the quality of teaching.

Both Government and Opposition are committed to the development of "value added" measures to iron out such differences, but the raw scores still make revealing reading. Even within schools, there can be wide variations between subjects, which cannot be explained by intake, and there are often marked differences between neighbouring schools.

The tables are based on classroom tests in English, mathematics and science taken by 11-year-olds last May. Each school is rated on the proportion of pupils reaching at least Level 4 of the national curriculum, the normal expectation for the age group.

The question of eligibility has been highly controversial, even spawning an unsuccessful High Court challenge by a village school in Essex. Ministers decided to make no allowance for pupils who were absent for the tests or excused because of extreme learning difficulties. The system, which mirrors the arrangements for GCSE tables, is designed to prevent schools encouraging absence among low-achievers. But the effect has been to depress some schools' scores quite considerably.

Booklets on each local authority will show the level of absence and the numbers with special educational needs, as well as the teachers' own assessment of their pupils. Lack of space prevents these measures being reproduced here, although they will appear in *The Times Educational Supplement* on Friday. The booklets will include a section designed to "put the results in context", including a

warning that a high proportion of pupils with special needs can distort a school's results. Governors at 1,639 schools joined a protest campaign initiated by the National Association of Head Teachers, refusing to submit the results of teacher assessment. However, because the tests were marked externally, they could not prevent these results appearing, even if in some cases schools refused to verify their accuracy.

More than 1,000 schools were excluded in any case because they had fewer than ten pupils sitting the tests. Ministers decided that such results would run the risk of identifying individual children.

Preparatory schools were also excluded, although many did take the tests. The private sector is not obliged to follow the national curriculum, and some of the best-known prep schools would have been missing from the lists.

Taken as a whole, the schools that do appear in the tables show a significant improvement on the 1995 results. The average for English and mathematics is 10 per cent higher than the previous year's figure. Standards in science were readjusted for 1996 because the results had been so far out of line with the other two subjects.

Teacher assessments were also much closer to the test results than in 1995, despite the Association of Teachers and Lecturers' claim that only 10 per cent of it members thought the tests a fair reflection of pupils' achievement. Nevertheless, some anomalies stand out: Tyne View School in Gateshead, for example, assessed that 31 per cent of pupils had reached Level 4 in English, when none did so in the test.

In 1,550 schools, three-quarters of pupils achieved Level 4 or above in all three tests. But, at the other end of the scale, one school in 21 saw fewer than a third of 11-year-olds reach this mark. In some local authorities, barely a third of all pupils reached Level 4.

The results will also reopen the debate about the effect of class size on children's performance. Kingston upon Thames, where 70 per cent of primary school pupils are in classes of more than 30, appears in the top ten authorities, while Hackney, in east London, which has fewer than 5 per cent in groups of more than 30, is bottom.

These tables may be the last, as well as the first, to be published nationally. Labour is planning to place an onus on local authorities to publish their own tables, rather than having a Government operation. David Blunkett, the party's education spokesman, says that parents could then see the results before they have to make their choice of school.

Mrs Shephard is also considering changes. The basis for calculation could alter next year and she has promised to "slim down" the tests and have them marked out of 100, rather than using national curriculum levels.

TOP-SCORING SCHOOLS FROM ACROSS ENGLAND											
Columns are the percentage of pupils gaining Level 4 or above in each subject. Schools are rated by aggregate scores											
SCHOOLS SCORING 300				Eng	Maths	Sci					
Clifton CE, Ashbourne, Derbyshire				100	100	100	Clifton End, Mkt Harborough, Northants				Eng Maths Sci
Crockham Hill CE, Edenbridge, Kent				100	100	100	Hawridge & Cholesbury CE, Chesham, Bucks				92 100 100
Culworth End CE, Banbury, Northamptonshire				100	100	100	Longney CE, Longney, Gloucestershire				92 100 100
Dishforth Airfield, Thirsk, North Yorkshire				100	100	100					
Duddon St Peter's CE, Tarporley, Cheshire				100	100	100	SCORING 291				
Healdon, Brackley, Northamptonshire				100	100	100	Barnybarrow VC, Ilfracombe, Devon				91 100 100
Mellor, Stockport, Cheshire				100	100	100	Dalton Listerdale, Rotherham				100 94 97
Our Lady of Compassion, Formby, Sefton				100	100	100	Greenmount, Bury				97 97 97
Shenington CE, Banbury, Oxfordshire				100	100	100	Norley CE, Norley, Warrington, Cheshire				100 100 91
St John Bosco RC, Maghull, Sefton				100	100	100	Sissinghurst CE, Cranbrook, Kent				91 100 100
St Michael's Bamford CE, Heywood, Rochdale				100	100	100	The Oaks, Bolton				94 100 97
Startforth Monist CE, Barnard Castle, Durham				100	100	100	Whitchurch, Whitchurch-on-Th, Oxfordshire				100 91 100
The Fairway, Mill Hill, Barnet NW7				100	100	100	SCORING 290				
Threthfield, Skipton, North Yorkshire				100	100	100	Gulldon CE, Gulldon Sutton, Cheshire				93 100 97
Wyneswold CE, Loughborough, Leicestershire				100	100	100	St John's RC, Baldock, Hertfordshire				95 95 100
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St George & St Teresa, Solihull				100	100	97	St Peter's CE, East Bridgeford, North Yorkshire				95 100 95
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High Ham CE, Langport, Somerset				100	96	100	SCORING 288				
SCORING 285							Barton CE, Richmond, North Yorkshire				94 94 100
Holly Mount RC, Bury				95	100	100	Garstang, Garstang, Preston, Lancashire				94 97 97
Kingley & Newton, Kingsley, Cheshire				100	95	100	Holy Trinity, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire				94 94 100
St Joseph's RC (VA), Thame, Oxfordshire				95	100	100	Mansfield, Mansfield, Nottingham				94 94 100
St Patrick's RC, Walton-le-Dale, Preston				95	100	100	Rough Close CE (A), Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs				92 95 100
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Gawsworth, Macclesfield, Cheshire				97	100	97	Scawby, Scawby, Brigg, N Lincolnshire				97 94 97
Great Witley CE, Hereford/Worcester				100	94	100	St Anne's RC, Ormskirk, Lancashire				94 97 97
High Hesket CE, Carlisle, Cumbria				94	100	100	St Jerome's RC, Formby, Sefton				94 94 100
Moseley CE, Birmingham				100	100	94	Woodplumpton CE, Woodplumpton, Preston				94 94 100
The Hugo Maynell CE, nr Mkt Drayton, Staffs				100	97	97	SCORING 287				
St Peter & St Paul RC, Lichfield, Staffs				100	94	100	Saltersgate, Doncaster				95 95 97
Whickham, Whickham, Gateshead				100	97	97	St Gabriel's RC, Stoke-on-Trent, Cheshire				93 97 97
SCORING 283							St John Baptist CE, Kingston-U-Thames				96 93 98
Little Reddings, Bushey, Hertfordshire				93	100	100	Warley Town, Halifax, Calderdale				87 100 100
Slanton St Quirin, Chippingham, Wiltshire				93	100	100	SCORING 286				
SCORING 282							Archbishop Hutton's, Camforth, Lancashire				100 93 93
Acton CE, Nantwich, Cheshire				100	92	100	Lyford Millicent CE, Lyford Millicent, Wilt				100 98 100
Birchwith CE, Harrogate, North Yorkshire				100	92	100	Perran-ar-Wortheal, Truro, Cornwall				93 93 100
Camblesforth, Selby, North Yorkshire				92	100	100	Thurleston CE, Thurleston, Leicestershire				98 100 100

## A lesson in excellence

Shenington Primary School seems the archetypal village school, set in a traditional Victorian building in the heart of rural England.

However the 90-pupil school on Oxfordshire's border with Warwickshire is far from backward-thinking and owes its success in the primary school league tables to a host of dynamic initiatives.

All the children learn how to use calculators and computers from the age of four and the latest plan is to acquire lap-top computers for them. French is taught from age four and many of the juniors are members of after-school Spanish and Latin clubs.

Shenington belongs to the elite group of 15 primary schools where pupils achieved 100 per cent success in last summer's English, mathematics and science tests for 11-year-olds.

Several characteristics of the table-topping schools are apparent. Two-thirds are church schools, and all are in village or suburban locations. None had more than one class taking the tests on which the table is based, and the average year size was 17, which means the children are often taught in mixed year classes.

A closer look at inspectors' reports on the five of the schools which have been assessed by Ofsted shows many of their pupils have been to nursery school or

What does it take to be up among the elite? David Charter went to find out

playgroup and very few have special educational needs, or receive free school meals, an indicator of the economic status of families. The inspectors also often mention the schools' caring, family atmospheres and the strong support they receive from parents and governors.

These are also features of the schools which have yet to be inspected. Threshfield Primary, deep in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and surrounded by fields of sheep, can count on the Northern School of Puppetry to entertain pupils. It is run by two of the parents.

Helen Jarvis, head teacher for five years, says she has huge support from parents who almost all take advantage of a scheme to work alongside their children in school. "They can stay as long as they like, provided they don't overcrowd me," says Mrs Jarvis. She also runs eight after-school clubs with her three teachers,

with activities ranging from poetry to gardening, art and guitars. "We are workaholics and we love it," she says.

At Shenington, four teachers share the children in mixed age groups, with the three oldest years taught in a class of 38 pupils by the head teacher, Shirley Hartlett. The teachers are supported by an army of governors and other volunteers with expertise in different subjects.

The vice-chairman of governors teaches science on a voluntary basis, and the treasurer, an IT expert, helps the children to find their way around computers and to produce spread sheets. A governor's wife hears every infant read every day.

Mrs Hartlett, who became head in 1973, says she has always wanted the school to go forward. After it opted out in 1993, to gain full control over its budget, its first move was to employ a special needs teacher, not only to help children who are struggling but also the very bright ones who want to forge ahead. "We try very hard to be excellent in everything and our motto is excellence through endeavour," she says.

"Before we went grant-maintained I was counting the years and days to retirement, but when we went grant-maintained I did not want to retire because it was exciting again. You can make plans and have dreams and visions."

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# Tables will 'shine a bright light into every classroom'

Today is a milestone for every parent in the land. For the first time they can see how well every primary school in England is performing in teaching their 11-year-olds.

The veil which has traditionally concealed what goes on in schools has now finally gone. Parents can see at a glance in their local paper, library, school or on the Internet which schools are up to the mark and which are not. It is the latest step in the Government's commitment to shine a bright light into every classroom, every school and every local authority in England.

We have published today the results of tests and teacher assessments for 11-year-olds in each local authority school in England. All national newspapers and hundreds of regional papers are carrying details of the tables. In addition we

have sent two million copies of the tables booklets to schools, local authorities and public libraries. The results are also published on the Internet. Parents can obtain copies of the tables covering their area by phoning a Freephone number. It is the largest public information exercise for 50 years.

The tables for secondary schools have been published now for five years. Lifting the veil on secondary-school results has caused schools to redouble their efforts to improve the standard of education.

Sadly, we are witnessing again critics of publishing performance tables. I remember what they used to say: that parents would not understand the figures; that schools would massage them. The figures were even described as unfair and unhelpful. Yet the tables have proved to be an easy way of

Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education, welcomes the first publication of primary test results

making available objective and measurable information about schools. As for the schools, it makes them accountable and encourages higher standards. It enables us to congratulate successful schools and their teachers and identifies those who may need more help.

Five years on we can prove that we have taken public opinion with us. The annual publication of school results has become a national event, anticipated by parents and the press alike. Every parent with a child in primary school will be wondering exactly how well their school will do in today's tables. And this is not just hearsay. Surveys regularly show that the

majority of parents consult the tables when choosing a secondary school for their child. The effect on schools, too, has been dramatic. Performance tables shine a direct light on levels of achievement.

We urgently need the same extra impetus in primary schools. In 1995 less than half of 11-year-olds achieved the expected English and mathematics standards. This had to be put right. That is why I decided a year ago that it was time to introduce school performance tables for 11-year-olds.

There are a few gaps. A small number of schools refused to submit their teacher assessment results, and some declined to check

the accuracy of their figures before publication. I find this lamentable, and irritating for the communities they should be serving.

But what do the tables actually show? First, they confirm a general improvement against the 1995 results: some ten percentage points higher in English and maths. This is still not good enough. It is not acceptable that only just over half of our 11-year-olds are achieving at the expected level. We need to redouble our efforts across the board. We clearly need this annual "health check" and stimulus for improvement

that performance tables deliver. Secondly, the tables highlight the disparities in LEA performance. Thirteen LEAs brought more than 60 per cent of their pupils up to at least Level 4 maths; Sandwell, Hackney and Newham could not reach 40 per cent.

In English the differences are equally striking. Thirty LEAs saw at least 60 per cent of their children reach Level 4; nine LEAs were at 45 per cent or less. Richmond-upon-Thames achieved 75.2 per cent, and Surrey 67.8 per cent. But Newham and Tower Hamlets, albeit with more pupils for whom English is not the first language, could only manage 37.1 per cent and 35.6 per cent respectively.

The tables show the same pattern as those for secondary schools. The worst ten LEAs in the primary school tables are Labour-con-

trolled. While only one Labour authority appears in the top ten.

At school level, parents will also see a very patchy picture. In future years we shall be able to see the extent to which individual schools have improved their performance against the 1996 base. For example, we can already tell that while 10 per cent of schools helped more than three-quarters of their eligible pupils to Level 4 or above in all three tests, some 5 per cent of schools saw fewer than one-third reach that level in any of the tests.

The tables also show interesting results from different types of schools. Seventy two out of the top 100 schools are either grant maintained or church (voluntary aided or voluntary controlled). They show the excellence of these schools, which would be under threat from Labour.

## Time to turn over a new leaf

David Charter reports on Islington's efforts to lift reading standards out of the doldrums

A pioneering approach to raising literacy standards is beginning to bear fruit for one inner city borough where testing has highlighted the poor performance of primary schools.

Islington's lowly position in the league table belies a concerted effort to revitalise the learning of reading, which has already seen results rise considerably.

Dr Hilary Nicolle, director of education in the north London borough, admitted that she was "deeply shocked" by literacy levels in its schools. National curriculum tests in 1995 showed that only just over a third of 11-year-olds were achieving the national targets for their age in English and mathematics.

Dr Nicolle recognised that the borough's large number of children from non-English-speaking backgrounds could not be used as an excuse for poor standards by the age of 11. About half the children who scored nothing at all in Islington's own reading tests were from white working-class families.

To combat the problem, she has set up the Islington Literacy Project, with the initial aim of "99 by 99", that is, 99 per cent of 11-year-olds reading at national curriculum level three, the level of an average nine-year-old, by 1999. Has she set her sights too low? "Obviously we want as many pupils as possible to be reading far better than at a reading age of nine. Our target is that we should have moved from less than 20 per cent to 65 per cent reading at or beyond their chronological age by 1999."

To achieve this, primary schools hold a reading hour every day, and provide whole class instruction on phonics for children starting to read. These edicts policies recommended by the Labour Party's own literacy task force.

Grafton Primary, for example, has set up a reading session from 9.30am to 10am every day followed by literacy lessons until 10.45am. Nitsa Sergides, the head teacher, said: "There is discussion about the book's characters and they write down a summary of what they have read,

so it is not just reading for the sake of reading, it is reading for understanding and meaning, which is something our children were always very poor at before."

Inspectors' reports on successful schools highlight time and again the benefits of involving parents in day-to-day learning. Islington is seeking its own ways of bringing children these advantages, even where home is not supportive.

Its development plan states: "Each child must have a key relationship with someone who cares about their literacy development."

Dr Nicolle says: "Adults matter in children's lives. And for some children this may have to be someone who is not the parent. Children can benefit greatly from trained volunteers coming into schools. They can take an interest in their progress and help them in a number of subjects. We have a target of increasing tenfold the number of volunteers."

These and other measures have already had an impact on tests at 11, which saw the percentage of Islington children gaining level four in English rise from 37 to 45 per cent, and from 35 to 46.8 per cent in mathematics.



Children at Grafton school, in Islington, are given a reading session every morning followed by a literacy lesson

### HOW THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES PERFORMED

The columns are the average percentage of children gaining Level 4 or above in each subject. The LEAs are ranked by their aggregate scores in column 5

LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg	LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg	LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg	LEA	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg
Richmond-upon-Thames	75.2	68.8	79.9	74.6	Oxfordshire	60.4	55.8	65.8	60.7	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Isle of Wight	61.1	70.9	84.6	72.2	Lincolnshire	59.5	58.1	64.1	60.7	Shropshire	58.4	53.7	61.2	57.8	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Surrey	67.8	61.4	72.6	67.3	Hampshire	58.5	55.6	66.7	60.3	Staffordshire	58.3	51.4	62.0	57.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
North Yorkshire	64.8	64.7	71.5	67.0	West Sussex	58.0	54.4	67.3	60.7	Essex	56.1	53.1	60.1	56.4	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Bury	65.9	64.3	70.4	63.6	Hertford/Worcester	60.0	54.7	65.5	60.2	Leicestershire	54.3	53.8	61.4	56.5	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Bromley	65.6	63.8	69.8	63.1	Hillingdon	61.0	57.7	62.4	60.1	Stockton-on-Tees	56.6	52.7	61.3	56.5	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Stockport	67.0	61.8	69.5	68.8	Wirral	61.4	58.8	62.9	60.1	Bolton	56.6	52.7	61.3	56.5	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Kingston-upon-Thames	68.8	61.0	68.0	68.9	Durham	57.0	57.5	65.4	60.9	Hammermill/Fulham	55.3	52.9	60.2	56.4	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
City of York	64.1	61.6	69.8	68.5	Northamptonshire	58.7	55.7	65.4	60.9	Dudley	56.7	51.4	60.2	56.3	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Stellen	64.4	60.8	70.2	68.2	North Lincolnshire	58.1	55.5	65.9	60.9	South Tyneside	56.0	52.7	61.3	56.5	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Hertfordshire	64.9	60.8	69.1	68.4	S Gloucestershire	58.0	56.3	64.0	60.9	Walsfield	54.4	51.6	62.1	56.1	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Corwall	62.5	60.4	70.5	64.4	Isle of Wight	56.2	51.0	71.6	60.9	Camden	50.7	57.5	69.0	57.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
East Yorkshire	67.1	69.3	65.4	68.9	Wiltshire	59.0	53.7	65.4	60.9	Salford	54.1	51.5	61.5	56.1	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Southampton	67.1	69.3	65.4	68.9	Lancashire	58.5	56.9	62.2	60.9	East Sussex	54.7	52.3	60.2	56.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Kensington/Chelsea	63.0	58.6	68.9	63.8	Cambridgeshire	59.2	54.3	64.1	60.9	Merton	54.9	48.6	62.7	56.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
North Somerset	60.1	60.4	69.6	63.4	Wigan	57.5	56.0	63.7	60.9	Gateshead	55.9	50.6	59.4	58.9	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Berkshire	62.9	58.2	68.5	63.4	Suffolk	57.5	54.0	65.1	60.9	Redcar/Cleveland	52.6	51.3	62.0	56.3	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Harrow	64.3	59.6	69.5	63.4	St Helens	56.7	54.4	62.2	60.9	Enfield	54.7	51.9	55.5	56.1	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Dorset	63.4	57.3	66.2	60.9	Croydon	56.7	54.4	62.2	60.9	Coventry	55.6	48.2	57.9	56.1	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Sutton	63.2	58.0	64.2	63.4	Leeds	56.5	55.8	60.5	60.9	Doncaster	50.8	49.6	59.8	56.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Havering	59.9	58.5	68.8	62.4	Northumbria	57.0	52.9	65.0	60.9	Middlesbrough	52.4	47.8	59.8	56.3	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Bath/NE Somerset	59.7	59.4	65.1	61.4	City of Westminster	55.3	54.5	64.3	60.9	Brent	53.3	51.7	64.2	59.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Trafford	63.1	57.4	63.6	61.4	Devon	55.8	54.6	64.5	60.9	Doncaster	50.8	49.6	59.8	56.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Somerset	61.1	58.4	68.3	62.6	Derbyshire	56.7	55.1	61.3	60.9	Kirkcaldy	50.5	48.9	57.9	56.2	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Gloucestershire	61.7	58.4	65.1	61.6	Bedfordshire	55.8	54.2	61.7	60.9	NE Lincolnshire	52.8	47.6	56.7	56.1	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Cumbria	60.5	56.6	66.0	60.9	Calderdale	55.4	55.8	61.0	60.9	Nottinghamshire	48.9	48.1	56.7	54.7	Leeds	58.5	54.3	64.3	59.0
Barnet	61.4	59.3	61.9	60.9															
Essex	62.7	58.7	64.0	61.6															
Cheshire	59.7	58.0	64.4	61.2															
North Tyneside	58.8	55.6	67.7	60.7															

## Inspectors offer hope to schools at the bottom

Poor results can be one more hurdle to overcome, reports David Charter

SCHOOLS at the bottom of the primary league have been praised by inspectors for showing signs of improvement. Three of the bottom ten schools have been assessed by Ofsted, the school inspectorate, and none was judged among the 2 per cent of schools failing pupils.

Larkman Middle School in Norwich, was said to be "making significant developmental strides towards providing a good quality education for its pupils".

Cromwell Junior and Infant School in Birmingham had a "sound and improving" quality of education. And Thornbury Middle School, in Bradford, was found to have "purposeful leadership and clear direction".

However these schools share obvious difficulties. They are all in built-up city areas where unemployment is high and the school population is in flux.

The number of children taking free school meals, an indicator of low household income, is over 50 per cent, and is 75 per cent at Cromwell, where "children and their parents experience a number

of chronic health problems".

Inspectors opened their report on Cromwell by issuing a warning that "the characteristics of the area and the socio-economic background of pupils need careful consideration when judging the standards achieved and the quality of the school". This was an unusual step, given that Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, is generally opposed to "making allowances" for poor performance.

The key criteria for inspectors are how children perform relative to their ability and whether teacher expectations encourage improvement. At Cromwell, many pupils were said to be achieving appropriate levels for their abilities. Teaching had "some shortcomings" in English and mathematics but motivation was generally satisfactory.

At Larkman, standards in terms of pupils' abilities were mostly good, but inconsistent in mathematics. However at Thornbury, where two-thirds of children come from non-English speaking homes, inspectors observed: "Levels of reading, writing and numeracy are unsatisfactory."

### LOW-SCORING SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	SCORING	Eng	Maths	Sci	Agg
Grange, Webb St, SE1, Southwark	16	51.8	46.8	54.2	50.9
SCORING 19					
Toyland, Hartcliffe, Bristol	15	45.1	40.7	50.0	45.3
SCORING 20					
Pineapple, Kings Heath, Birmingham	12	48.1	46.7	56.0	50.3
SCORING 21					
Cromwell, Nechells, Birmingham	0	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
St Joseph's RC, Nechells, Birmingham	21	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Thornbury, Bradford	9	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
SCORING 23					
Mellers, Radford, Nottingham	17	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
SCORING 24					
Kate's Hill, Dudley	12	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Larkman, Norwich, Norfolk	7	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
St Paul's CE, SE17, Southwark	7	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
SCORING 25					
Alexandra, Western Rd, N22, Haringey	7	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Dunstable, Bedfordshire	4	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Dunstable, Bedfordshire	7	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Littleham CE, Exmouth, Devon	6	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
St Luke's CE, Longsight, Manchester	4	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Thornhill, Rotherham	11	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Type View, Gateshead	0	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
SCORING 27					
Highfield, Salford, Birmingham	5	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
John Pryn, W3, Ealing	7	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Newry, Stonesby Avenue, Leicester	11	48.1	47.7	53.6	50.4
Hackney	37.7	38.2	39.3	38.8	

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**BURY**

**CALDERDALE**CAMBRIDGESHIRE

St Andrew's CE, Ely	49	71	61	78	210
Barnwick Co. March	12	67	67	75	209

Elm CE, Wisbech	25	60	40	60	160
Leighton Co, Peterborough	55	51	47	62	160
Funchbury CE, Huntingdon	17	17	50	50	150

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## QUESTIONS

Thalwall Co, Warrington	38	76	84	71	231
Highfields Co, Nantwich	37	84	70	78	230

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St Luke's RC, Warrington	12	75	58	42
Burtonwood Co, Warrington	38	66	55	53
Gaillands Co, Warrington	46	18	52	63

Grange Co, Runcom	75	36	31	41	1
St Barnabas CE, Warrington	26	35	38	35	1
Castle View Co, Runcom	24	38	25	42	1

175	St Stephens (Sish) Co, Stannish	31	81	81	7
174	Sandy Hill Co, St Austell	35	71	69	5
174	St Cleer Co, Liskeard	40	65	63	8

08	Troon Co, Camborne	23	30	35	30
08	LEA AVERAGES:	17	18	18	24
25			62.9	61.9	69

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## How to read the tables

● Schools, including voluntary-aided and grant-maintained, are listed by local authority.

● The tables show the percentage of pupils reaching at least Level 4 of the national curriculum in last year's tests. The Department for Education and Employment calculated the results on the basis of pupils eligible to sit the tests, irrespective of absences.

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% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:

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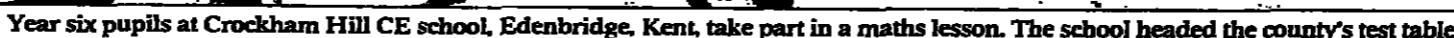
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SCHOOL	No. of pupils	% of pupils	gaining level 4 or better in:	English	Maths	Science
Rowlands Hill, Rowlands Hill	43	77	81	79	27	27
St Agnes RC, Rye	15	67	80	87	224	224
St Agnes RC, Rye	25	68	84	78	225	225
St Agnes RC, Rye	14	76	79	78	223	223
St Agnes RC, Rye	28	78	81	79	221	221
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SCHOOL	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:	English	Maths	Science
Parliament, Goud	55	48	35	48
Shotton CE, Gloucester	22	82	85	100
Monkton, Cheltenham	37	46	27	48
Abneywood, Gloucester	38	47	34	39
St James CE, Gloucester	40	50	28	38
St Andrew's CE, Gloucester	41	48	30	38
Siddington CE, Cirencester	12	33	39	42
Tewkesbury CE, Gloucester	16	38	44	45
St Andrew's CE, Gloucester	28	56	39	50
St Andrew's CE, Gloucester	30	50	40	42
St Andrew's CE, Gloucester	57	40	23	42
Linton, Gloucester	50	36	32	32
Whaddon, Cheltenham	44	30	27	20
St Andrew's CE, Gloucester	25	38	30	27
St Paul's CE, Gloucester	30	30	20	27
Heaters Way, Cheltenham	31	28	19	19
Cheltenham CE, Gloucester	63	21	8	8
LEA AVERAGES:		51.75	58.4	65.1
St Bede's RC, Basingstoke	33	88	95	100
Lindfield, Petersfield	22	82	85	100
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	65	94	93	100
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	19	92	85	92
St Anthony's RC, Farnham	22	82	91	85
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	25	88	88	88
Wharfedale CE, Andover	20	88	88	88
Clarendon CE, Andover	11	91	73	100
Upfields, Farnham	38	79	92	92
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	15	82	82	82
Long Sutton, Hook	16	81	81	100
Hinchingbury, Eastleigh	85	84	88	88
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	15	85	85	85
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	18	72	94	94
St Faith's CE, Winchester	18	84	83	83
St Andrew's CE, Andover	21	85	75	100
Awbridge CE, Romsey	11	86	73	100
St John The Baptist RC, Andover	28	82	82	82
St Benedict's RC, Farnborough	18	72	89	94
St John CE, Winchester	15	73	80	100
Barley CE, Ringwood	15	73	80	100
St Andrew's CE, Southampton	17	85	85	85
North Waltham, Basingstoke	15	85	85	85
St Jude's RC, Farnham	48	75	84	88
Linton Common, Eastleigh	37	77	84	88
St Benedict's RC, Farnborough	21	81	81	85
Crandall, Farnham	48	73	83	82
Hellington CE, Romsey	37	85	85	85
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	80	74	88	88
Gravelly, Andover	11	84	82	100
Preston Canford CE, Basingstoke	15	83	80	84
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	18	82	82	82
Harville, Farnham	60	70	80	85
Whitchurch CE, Whitchurch	38	76	76	92
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	83	73	73	73
Heathfield, Fleet	100	73	79	80
Four Maries CE, Alton	30	73	79	77
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	15	73	73	73
Lichas Heath, Southampton	140	69	69	82
Upton CE, Southampton	15	73	87	80
St Andrew's CE, Fleet	57	68	83	87
Pedwell, Wootton	13	78	82	81
Four Lanes CE, Basingstoke	55	75	79	89
Milford-on-Sea CE, Lymington	34	79	74	85
St Andrew's CE, Southampton	38	78	82	82
Sharnburton, Southampton	34	73	71	85
St Peter's CE, Farnborough	88	81	75	81
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	15	75	75	85
Cupham, Romsey	54	75	67	94
Romsey Abbey CE, Romsey	34	79	86	88
St Andrew's CE, Hook	32	70	70	87
St Andrew's CE, Hook	34	69	70	82
Newlands, Yateley	36	87	78	88
St Andrew's CE, Farnham	15	80	80	73
Fordingbridge, Fordingbridge	67	81	83	87
Fordingbridge, Fordingbridge	113	75	79	81
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	62	82	82	82
St Mary Bourne CE, Andover	16	81	69	81
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	88	77	77	76
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	108	68	70	87
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	34	79	74	78
New Milton, New Milton	108	67	72	80
St Paul's RC, Farnborough	34	79	74	78
St Andrew's CE, Basingstoke	34	79	74	78
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Mellor, Leicester	66	42	48	58	14	
Langham CE, Caltham	17	41	41	85	14	
Poynite, Leicester	101	38	50	39		
St Mary's CE, Loughborough	15	80	33	33	14	
Swallowfield, Melton Mowbray	15	30	30	30	14	
Colmers, Leicester	76	47	48	44		
Cosby, Leicester	23	44	44	66	14	
Rush, Leicester	38	44	44	44		
Ratley, Leicester	48	48	44	50		
Weavers' Close CE, Leicester	33	45	38	58	14	
Abington, Leicester	172	50	43	48	14	
St Andrew's CE, Melton Mowbray	19	41	41	41		
Ringfield, Loughborough	48	41	41	37	14	
Inglesham, Loughborough	90	58	36	48		
St Andrew's CE, Loughborough	16	41	41	54	14	
Fosse Meadows, Leicester	32	77	45	52		
Rushy, Leicester	45	47	36	66		
Belgrave CE, Leicester	29	60	50	36	13	
Bedford, Leicester	36	41	41	41		
Barley Croft, Leicester	36	36	49	38		
Rosebery, Loughborough	48	35	58	54	13	
St Andrew's CE, Loughborough	77	45	36	48		
Scotby Valley, Leicester	28	41	41	41		
Spiny Hill, Leicester	85	53	42	37		
Newlands, Leicester	51	37	37	57	13	
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	30	41	41	50		
Grave, Melton Mowbray	31	36	48	38		
Thistle Meadow, Leicester	31	32	38	62	12	
Quelby, Leicester	33	32	52	41		
St Andrew's CE, Loughborough	25	41	41	41		
Queniborough CE, Leicester	27	44	37	44	12	
South Wigston High, Wigston	205	44	37	44	12	
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	30	41	41	41		
St Barnabas, Leicester	26	36	50	36	12	
Nerfside, Leicester	80	34	40	43	11	
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	41	46	28	41		
Queniborough CE, Leicester	29	28	34	52		
Claydon, Leicester	112	44	33	36	11	
St Peter's CE, Leicester	43	44	33	33	11	
St Peter's CE, Leicester	43	44	33	33	11	
Eynes Mansell, Leicester	39	38	36	44	10	
Wynley, Leicester	94	35	41	41	10	
Kestry 48, Leicester	38	47	47	47		
Forest Lodge, Leicester	53	32	32	34		
Rollstone, Leicester	38	31	37	37		
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	35	32	36	36		
Shefford, Loughborough	62	26	27	37		
Cobden, Loughborough	48	26	35	28		
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	62	26	26	26		
Warren Hills Co, Coventry	41	17	24	44		
Marriott, Leicester	41	14	28	40		
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	53	25	24	24		
Taylor, Leicester	37	37	30	22		
Kington Park, Leicester	46	35	17	26		
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	31	24	34	22		
Northfield House, Leicester	45	17	28	24		
Mowmace Hill, Leicester	41	22	22	24		
New Parks House, Leicester	53	19	23	21		
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	53	14	14	14		
Willowbrook, Leicester	36	22	19	17		
Roswell Hall Co, Leicester	38	11	22	22		
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	33	3	20	13		
Crescent, Leicester	42	21	7	21		
Queensmead, Leicester	57	7	9	18		
St Andrew's CE, Leicester	11	5	14	14		
LEA AVERAGES:			54.3	52.8	61.4	

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Figure 1 is a line graph with the X-axis labeled 'Number of days of rain' and the Y-axis labeled 'Number of days of rain'. Both axes range from 0 to 10 with major tick marks every 1 unit. A solid line represents the identity function  $y=x$ , starting at (0,0) and ending at (10,10). A dashed line represents the function  $y=x^2$ , starting at (0,0) and ending at (10,10). The dashed line is above the solid line for  $x > 1$ .



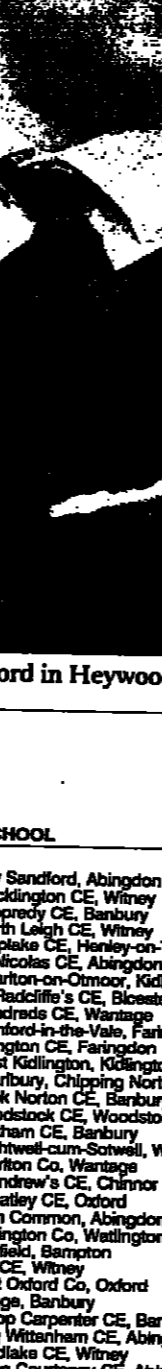


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Bracklen Lane, Redford	31	84	36	74	90
Sutton-in-Ashfield CE, Redford	17	78	74	78	82
Marlin Road CE, Nottingham	37	86	73	80	86
St Patrick's RC, Mansfield	26	69	92	81	82
Abbey Road, Nottingham	28	69	92	81	82
Albion, Nottingham	86	21	82	82	88
Kniveton, Nottingham	24	75	87	89	88
St Joseph's, Redford	28	77	87	89	88
Fernwood CE, Nottingham	51	70	77	89	92
Libby-on-Papplewick, Nottingham	132	77	84	77	84
Town Bingham Drive, Nottingham	14	79	71	86	86
Cassdale Drive, Nottingham	59	86	81	86	92
St Andrew's RC, Nottingham	21	87	78	86	92
St Andrew's CE, Sutton-in-Ashfield	21	67	87	86	92
Leas Park, Mansfield	37	73	76	84	84
Brooklands, Nottingham	60	78	76	84	84
John Wood, Newark	35	77	74	83	83
John Tindley, Newark	35	77	74	83	83
Abbey Gates, Nottingham	18	77	87	92	92
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Almeida, Nottingham	58	77			

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SCHOOL	No. of pupils in the school		% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in:		School rating League table (1 to 25)		English		
							Maths		
Springfield, Nottingham	31	23	13	19	31	84	80	25	25
Southwold, Nottingham	20	15	20	20	11	82	80	25	25
Blue Bell Hill, Nottingham	53	30	13	11	11	82	80	25	25
Amblecote, Nottingham	111	12	17	24	11	82	80	25	25
Eastwood, Nottingham	45	9	20	20	11	82	80	25	25
Morley, Nottingham	37	24	8	14	11	82	80	25	25
Wendrock, Nottingham	41	17	17	7	11	82	80	25	25
Scottholme, Nottingham	30	10	13	10	11	82	80	25	25
Bosworth, Nottingham	20	5	15	10	11	82	80	25	25
Brookwood, Nottingham	56	9	16	4	11	82	80	25	25
Wootton, Nottingham	18	17	0	8	11	82	80	25	25
<b>LA AVERAGES:</b>						<b>48.9</b>	<b>46.1</b>	<b>56.7</b>	

OLDHAM									
St Herbert's RC, Oldham	30	87	90	100	27	81	80	25	25
Thornham St James CE, Oldham	31	84	80	80	25	81	80	25	25
St Joseph's RC, Oldham	21	86	81	85	25	81	80	25	25
Buckstones, Oldham	34	85	82	81	25	81	80	25	25
St Anne's CE Lydiate, Oldham	17	82	88	88	25	81	80	25	25
Chadderton Hall, Oldham	30	82	80	80	25	81	80	25	25
St Alden & St Oswald's RC, Oldham	68	82	84	85	25	81	80	25	25
St John's CE, Oldham	26	88	73	88	24	81	80	25	25
Key-with-Zion, Oldham	31	87	81	81	24	81	80	25	25
Greenfield, Oldham	25	84	76	88	24	81	80	25	25
Wideland, Oldham	15	87	67	93	24	81	80	25	25
Woodhouse Voluntary, Manchester	18	78	79	82	24	81	80	25	25
Corpus Christi RC, Oldham	38	76	78	82	24	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	17	86	78	76	24	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	18	78	83	78	24	81	80	25	25
St John's CE, Oldham	37	79	82	82	24	81	80	25	25
Thorpe, Oldham	25	72	88	96	23	81	80	25	25
Westfield CE, Oldham	83	76	77	82	23	81	80	25	25
St Paul's CE, Oldham	32	81	75	81	23	81	80	25	25
St Peter's CE, Oldham	23	87	61	73	22	81	80	25	25
St Mary's RC, Manchester	61	84	66	74	22	81	80	25	25
St Paul's CE, Oldham	38	78	71	74	22	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	33	84	88	81	21	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	27	78	63	70	21	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	52	75	65	69	20	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	42	68	72	75	19	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	24	46	71	63	20	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	34	68	53	74	19	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	54	76	56	63	18	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	80	70	63	65	18	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	33	84	88	81	16	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	27	78	63	70	16	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	52	75	65	69	15	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	42	68	72	75	14	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	24	46	71	63	14	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	34	68	53	74	13	81	80	25	25
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St Mary's CE, Oldham	34	68	53	74	6	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	54	76	56	63	5	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	80	70	63	65	4	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	33	84	88	81	3	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	27	78	63	70	2	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	52	75	65	69	1	81	80	25	25
St Mary's CE, Oldham	42	68	72	75	0	81	80	25	25
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St Mary's CE, Oldham	54	76	56	63	0	81	80	25	25
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St Mary's CE, Oldham	33	84	88	81	0	81			



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SCHOOL	No. of pupils No. of single pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in: English	Maths	School raising percentage of pupils above
Dry Sandford, Abingdon	14	71	71	79
St Kildington CE, Witney	20	55	85	80
Cropley CE, Banbury	11	84	73	81
North Leigh CE, Witney	24	71	75	71
St John's CE, Banbury-on-Thames	30	77	87	73
St Nicolas CE, Abingdon	64	67	64	67
Charlton-on-Otmoor, Kidlington	13	85	89	62
St Radcliffe's CE, Bloxworth	19	74	74	88
St Andrews CE, Abingdon	18	77	81	85
Stanford-in-the-Vale, Faringdon	19	84	58	58
Ullington CE, Faringdon	13	77	82	77
West Kidlington, Kidlington	38	54	77	81
Cherbury, Chipping Norton	34	54	56	34
Hook Norton CE, Banbury	20	75	55	85
Woodstock CE, Woodstock	28	54	76	86
Bloxham CE, Banbury	43	50	50	50
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell, Wallingford	16	69	50	50
Cheriton CE, Wallingford	31	74	71	68
St Andrew's CE, Chinnor	63	50	50	50
Wheatley CE, Oxford	67	73	73	67
Rush Common, Abingdon	70	76	69	67
St Kildington CE, Abingdon	36	72	58	81
Clarendon CE, Wallingford	76	67	67	71
Clarendon CE, Wallingford	76	67	67	71
St Andrew's CE, Chinnor	53	72	64	72
West Oxford CE, Oxford	13	77	77	81
Grange, Banbury	81	85	81	85
Bishop Carpenter CE, Banbury	18	81	56	80
Long Witnham CE, Abingdon	14	71	71	84
St Nicholas CE, Banbury	18	64	71	70
Sutton Courtenay CE, Abingdon	20	60	63	60
St John's CE, Banbury	31	85	82	87
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	51	57	63	82
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	68	62	64	62
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	13	54	62	65
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	161	68	63	70
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	81	56	63	63
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	13	69	62	69
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	29	55	66	79
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	13	62	69	62
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	18	64	71	70
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	74	65	57	73
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	21	62	62	71
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	68	57	67	78
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	40	68	58	68
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	27	56	56	81
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	34	53	53	53
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	37	47	53	53
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	17	59	59	59
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	26	52	58	69
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	67	60	63	63
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	34	29	74	62
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	39	84	88	62
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	16	51	51	51
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	82	62	53	62
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	49	57	57	67
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	15	73	47	50
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	64	57	57	57
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	53	50	76	50
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	13	54	54	54
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	75	48	57	48
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	12	42	42	42
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	33	48	48	48
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	88	65	50	54
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	16	51	51	51
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	61	48	48	48
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	34	62	44	62
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	12	50	50	50
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	83	47	47	47
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	119	80	49	57
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	44	59	41	65
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	55	55	55	55
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	134	54	42	69
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	11	56	45	84
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	34	50	48	50
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	37	51	49	58
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	29	66	41	52
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	36	54	51	54
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	12	50	38	79
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	19	63	47	157
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	30	43	53	60
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	30	43	53	60
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	13	77	23	54
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	53	40	56	58
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	12	42	42	42
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	50	46	42	46
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	61	49	49	49
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	17	45	47	45
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	17	53	35	59
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	32	63	34	50
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	75	48	57	48
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	61	56	56	56
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	20	45	50	50
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	44	50	48	50
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	53	36	37	36
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	31	32	39	59
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	13	31	31	31
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	53	34	40	48
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	135	50	36	37
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	13	38	38	38
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	39	48	48	48
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	30	43	33	43
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	121	39	40	38
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	12	42	42	42
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	50	40	38	34
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	75	29	34	43
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	44	24	24	24
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	32	25	22	59
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	102	31	33	35
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	30	50	43	24
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	72	26	29	26
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	28	36	14	71
Chalgrave CE, Oxford	60	44	55	65

**RED CAR/CLEVELAND**

Paulinus RC, Gulsborough	19	85	100	85	280
Henry Hill, Gulsborough	31	80	87	84	291
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	28	88	89	96	271
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	34	86	85	88	258
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	27	82	83	87	242
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	29	59	93	94	245
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	18	69	75	84	238
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	21	78	97	95	238
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	82	75	82	82	232
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	34	79	86	82	228
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	60	88	75	82	225
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	33	73	76	77	222
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	33	67	73	76	219
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	61	80	72	77	206
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	59	61	66	80	207
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	34	50	60	83	243
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	50	56	74	76	200
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	28	61	64	79	204
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	60	62	57	80	196
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	44	70	81	86	193
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	57	53	63	72	188
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	42	60	40	79	179
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	55	49	58	62	176
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	50	74	48	54	170
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	50	84	52	66	172
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	32	53	53	66	172
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	34	50	60	83	243
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	55	47	56	68	183
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	49	51	59	63	183
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	52	80	40	56	162
St Andrew's RC, Middlebrough	27	50	44	56	168

d a maximum score of Level 4 grades or above

SCHOOL	No. of pupils taking No. of native pupils	Level 4 or better in:		School average percentage of results
		English	Maths	
Lotus, Saltburn-by-the-Sea	85	40	45	70
Whale Hill, Middlesbrough	31	41	39	55
Mary's RC, Middlesbrough	37	35	41	39
Coleton CE, Redcar	22	38	72	53
Overfields, Middlesbrough	45	33	43	40
Atkies Road, Middlesbrough	32	27	37	48
Bankfields, Middlesbrough	53	36	15	25
Hummerses, Saltburn-by-the-Sea	34	25	27	32
Lockwood, Saltburn-by-the-Sea	18	39	17	33
St Michael's CE, Middlesbrough	22	30	17	25
Whitecliffe, Saltburn-by-the-Sea	40	23	20	20
Grangeview, Middlesbrough	22	20	20	20
Alderman W Jones, Middlesbrough	31	35	6	18
Seach Grove, Middlesbrough	49	24	10	22
Dormanstown, Redcar	39	35	10	20
Cromwell Road, Middlesbrough	62	10	15	21
LEA AVERAGES:		52.6	51.3	62.2

ROCHDALE

St Michael's Barnford CE, Heywood	29	100	100	100
Whittaker Moss, Rochdale	20	95	100	95
St Paul's CE, Rochdale	32	90	100	92
St Peter's RC, Manchester	31	88	72	81
Norden, Rochdale	30	90	73	85
Sacred Heart RC, Rochdale	33	64	82	97
St Michael's CE, Manchester	32	63	72	68
Littlesborough CE, Littleborough	78	61	71	75
St Thomas CE, Rochdale	23	74	78	83
Heaton St John's CE, Manchester	35	74	68	91
Smithy Bridge, Littleborough	81	74	81	84
Al Saints CE, Rochdale	28	84	89	79
St Vincent's RC, Rochdale	38	78	75	75
St Patrick's RC, Manchester	34	78	76	87
St Luke's CE, Heywood	27	67	70	67
Barnford, Rochdale	35	77	57	69
Heaton Road, Rochdale	27	69	57	61
Parfield CO, Manchester	36	69	61	72
Midleton Parish CE, Manchester	30	63	53	63
St Andrew's CE, Manchester	38	71	58	68
Althorn's CE, Manchester	32	68	58	58
St Margaret's CE, Heywood	31	58	58	77
St Harwood Park, Heywood	63	57	55	74
Heanwood, Rochdale	57	48	64	73
Boarshaw CO, Manchester	68	58	58	61
St Thomas More RC, Manchester	41	59	61	63
St Joseph's RC, Manchester	32	50	56	72
Little Heaton CE, Manchester	42	62	74	71
St James CE, Rochdale	35	49	63	66
St Mary's Moor, Heywood	55	47	65	65
Holy Family RC, Rochdale	49	53	59	61
Moorhouse, Rochdale	59	54	63	69
St John's CE, Rochdale	47	63	60	66
St George's CE, Rochdale	29	63	55	69
Calderbank, Rochdale	49	43	50	60
St Gabriel's CE, Manchester	26	65	46	58
St Andrew's RC, Rochdale	43	50	48	58
Hopwood CO, Rochdale	40	43	39	41
St John Fisher RC, Manchester	35	57	49	60
St Andrew's CE, Rochdale	35	51	54	60
St Anthony's RC, Rochdale	49	57	54	61
St Mary's RC, Littleborough	27	33	70	59
Sheworth Green CO, Rochdale	49	41	47	73
St George's CE, Rochdale	68	32	39	46
Alceia Ingham RC, Rochdale	20	50	65	58
Hill, Manchester	36	44	58	53
Longfield, Rochdale	61	57	46	49
St Joseph's RC, Heywood	50	58	50	58
St Gabriel's RC, Rochdale	32	56	41	47
Alceia Ingham, Rochdale	34	47	44	50
Holy Trinity CE, Littleborough	42	46	48	46
St Edward's CE, Rochdale	39	38	51	46
St Mary's RC, Rochdale	22	45	50	38
St Paul's RC, Manchester	41	37	46	46
Stansfield Hill, Rochdale	19	47	42	37
Ashted Valley, Rochdale	31	39	39	45
St John's CE, Rochdale	62	50	46	46
St Mary's RC, Rochdale	69	49	46	46
Langley CO, Manchester	68	49	46	46
Marland Hill, Rochdale	44	39	32	46
St Mary's RC, Rochdale	37	38	49	29
Hill Top, Rochdale	41	33	37	37
Brimford CO, Rochdale	26	46	31	31
St Peter's CE, Rochdale	48	41	28	35
St George's RC, Rochdale	40	32	32	32
Queensway, Rochdale	44	18	47	
St George's RC, Heywood	35	51	54	31
Alceia Ingham, Rochdale	49	53	59	61
St Mary's RC, Rochdale	30	33	30	33
Greenbank, Rochdale	57	28	18	27
St George's CE, Rochdale	44	38	37	153
St John The Baptist RC, Rochdale	15	13	23	27
Spotland, Rochdale	51	22	24	78
Farrow, Manchester	23	14	21	14
Heybrook CO, Rochdale	68	17	14	18
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ROTHERHAM

Haupt Listerdale, Rotherham	31	100	94	97	99
Rodwick, Sheffield	24	83	92	92	85
Rotherham, Rotherham	22	86	91	88	26
Atkies CE, Sheffield	32	80	94	86	23
Wickensley St A's CE, Sheffield	32	72	94	94	25
Wickensley St A's CE, Sheffield	31	74	74	94	24
Thorncliffe, Sheffield	27	74	75	84	76
Whiston, Rotherham	20	75	75	85	23
Chelton, Rotherham	13	54	85	85	23
St Mary's RC, Sheffield	13	54	85	85	23
St George's RC, Sheffield	17	76	76	84	22
St George's RC, Sheffield	78	78	78	84	22
St Paul's RC, Sheffield	45	62	78	84	22
Hythburgh Fullerton CE, Rotherham	14	71	71	79	21
St George's RC, Rotherham	54	61	79	79	21
St Francis, Sheffield	14	79	79	79	21
Winkley Queen, Mearnsborough	37	78	68	65	21
St Mary's RC, Rotherham	23	78	77	57	20
Wickensley North, Rotherham	23	62	61	61	19
St John the Baptist, Rotherham	32	66	59	59	19
St Paul's RC, Sheffield	61	61	59	74	19
St Mary's RC, Rotherham	18	61	61	61	19
St George's RC, Rotherham	38	63	63	63	19
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St George's RC, Rotherham	11	64	65	73	19
St George's RC, Rotherham	66	63	63	71	19
St George's RC, Rotherham	30	63	63	63	19
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St George's RC, Rotherham	31	35	45	77	15
St George's RC, Rotherham	58	63	63	63	15
St George's RC, Rotherham	84	63	63	63	15
St George's RC, Rotherham	76	49	50	55	14
St George's RC, Rotherham	43	58	58	67	13
St George's RC, Rotherham	35	27	38	67	12
St George's RC, Rotherham	47	53	53	53	12
St George's RC, Rotherham	59	47	47	54	14

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## How to read the tables

● Schools, including voluntary-aided and grant-maintained, are listed by local authority.

● The tables show the percentage of pupils reaching at least Level 4 of the national curriculum in last year's tests. The Department for Education and Employment calculated the results on the basis of pupils eligible to sit the tests, irrespective of absences.

● Schools which submitted all their test results are ranked on an aggregate of scores in the three subjects (see column five). Those with incomplete data have been omitted, as are those where fewer than ten pupils sat the tests.

SCHOOL	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Maths	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Science	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in History
Whitewright Lane, Coventry	25	48	44	80
Birchwood, Tarnworth	56	61	54	54
Cublington CE, Leamington Spa	44	84	50	54
St James, Leamington Spa	35	58	58	58
Old Lady's RC, Alcester	13	62	46	54
Woodles, Warwick	82	57	51	52
St Nicholas, Leamington Spa	58	47	38	53
Recremwood, Altherstone	45	47	51	58
Michael Dronson, Nuneaton	154	50	42	39
Rose Leys, Nuneaton	43	46	37	47
St Mary's RC, Altherstone	24	45	40	50
Tarnace CE, Tarnworth-in-Arden	31	48	48	54
Hurley, Leamington Spa	35	48	48	54
Volwely CE, Hinkley	21	38	38	52
Baddesley Green, Altherstone	30	37	37	53
St Giles, Coventry	38	36	48	44
St Richards RC, Leamington Spa	25	56	24	44
Boughton Leigh, Rugby	84	43	45	32
Gaydon Co, Leamington Spa	13	46	31	38
Keresley Newland, Coventry	28	36	36	43
Queen's CE, Nuneaton	84	38	33	43
St Benedicts RC, Altherstone	38	38	37	38
Henry Bellars CE, Nuneaton	16	25	44	44
St Benedicts RC, Altherstone	61	34	36	42
Al Saints CE, Warwick	62	34	36	42
Dordon, Tarnworth	24	46	29	50
Whitely, Leamington Spa	38	29	37	44
Camp Hill, Nuneaton	55	35	20	20

## WEST SUSSEX

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WIGAN				
St Philip's CE, Manchester	38	87	87	88 283
St Benedict's RC, Wigan	19	89	89	94 282
Gilded Hollins, Leigh	35	91	77	94 282
St James' RC, Wigan	41	85	85	88 258
Lowton West, Warrington	58	76	66	88 250



**Pupils at Dunnington CE school, York, make musical instruments for a science project on sound. The school headed York's league table**

SCHOOL	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better
Woodfield, Wigan	35	88	80
Highfield CE, Wigan	54	77	78
Winstanley, Wigan	53	79	87
Sacred Heart, Wigan	52	76	86
St Bernadette RC, Wigan	13	89	85
Partridge Co, Manchester	30	77	80
St Mary's RC, Wigan	31	84	77
St Andrew's CE, Wigan	28	84	80
Howe Bridge CE, Manchester	29	79	86
Christ CE, Leigh	78	74	85
St Catherine's RC, Warrington	64	83	89
Leigh Church CE, Leigh	34	71	76
Hodgate, Wigan	43	77	88
St James's RC, Wigan	25	75	81
Our Lady's RC, Wigan	21	88	67
St Ambrose Barlow RC, Manchester	28	79	71
Lovington, Warrington	17	68	72
Sacred Heart CE, Leigh	40	83	91
St Cuthbert's RC, Wigan	57	62	68
Shewington Vale, Wigan	14	50	93
St Andrew's CE, Warrington	33	69	62
St Andrew's CE, Wigan	38	74	87
Holy Family RC, Manchester	36	58	71
St Richard's RC, Manchester	39	84	77
St James's CE, Manchester	25	88	74
Aspull Church, Wigan	29	59	83
St Oswald's RC, Wigan	37	68	70
St James's CE, Manchester	74	67	89
St Aldan's RC, Wigan	50	70	64
Westleigh St Paul's CE, Leigh	28	68	71
St James's CE, Wigan	49	71	74
St Luke's CE, Warrington	27	67	74
St Paul's CE, Wigan	57	77	73
St James's CE, Warrington	74	73	74
Wood Field, Wigan	57	72	67
Low Hall, Wigan	22	59	68
St James' Road, Wigan	35	57	74
Sacred Heart CE, Wigan	71	56	74
Stables Cross CE, Wigan	23	60	70
Huddersley St John's, Wigan	33	65	77
St James's CE, Wigan	41	72	61
Worsley Messines CE, Wigan	44	52	65
St Thomas CE, Leigh	64	72	61
Sacred Heart CE, Wigan	56	63	63
Sacred Heart RC, Wigan	67	61	67
Shewington, Wigan	56	67	67
Sacred Heart CE, Wigan	53	70	70
Hindley Gm Holins, Wigan	39	59	56
Birkenhead CE, Wigan	28	57	61
St James's CE, Warrington	59	59	59
St Patrick's RC, Wigan	46	54	59
Holy Family RC, Wigan	11	84	45
St Martin The Great CE, Wigan	22	63	52
St Peter's CE, Leigh	27	63	57
Sacred Heart RC, Manchester	25	62	60
St James' Heath, Leigh	19	53	63
St Mary's CE, Wigan	66	53	63
St Stephen's CE, Manchester	39	51	64
Westley Apostles RC, Leigh	27	48	70
St James's CE, Wigan	42	47	62
Atherton St J's CE, Manchester	66	49	57
Chowbent, Manchester	20	50	65
St James's CE, Wigan	58	48	71
St Peter's CE, Wigan WNG 3EA	33	48	67
St Jude's RC, Wigan	41	59	41
St James's CE, Wigan	33	46	64
Abraham Byns Gates, Wigan	36	58	42
Abraham CE, Wigan	36	58	61
St James's CE, Wigan	47	57	68
Hindley Gm, Wigan	42	52	52
St John Southworth RC, Wigan	16	56	50
St James's CE, Wigan	31	56	55
St Edward's RC, Wigan	19	33	44
Beech Hill, Wigan	47	39	62
St James's CE, Wigan	41	38	47
Our L of the Rosary RC, Leigh	21	43	57
St Stephen's CE, Wigan	23	35	43
Leigh Central, Leigh	20	45	50
St James's CE, Wigan	40	56	56
Orrill Lamberhead CE Co, Wigan	68	40	46
St John's Mesley Gm Co, Manchester	20	50	35
St James's CE, Wigan WNG 001	38	45	45
Howe Holy Family RC, Wigan	38	47	37
Hindfold CE, Manchester	26	35	50
St Anne's CE, Wigan	21	52	33
St James's CE, Wigan	37	41	37
Perry Brook, Wigan	16	25	44
St Thomas CE, Warrington	32	28	53
St James's CE, Wigan	31	35	39
St Catherine's CE, Wigan	34	45	34
Belle Green CE, Wigan	13	46	46
Leigh Westleigh Moth, Leigh	19	32	37
St James's CE, Wigan	41	26	47
Brannitha Bridge, Wigan	34	25	29
St John's Fields Co, Leigh	19	26	32
Leigh Newton Warrington, Leigh	30	29	30
St William's RC, Wigan	29	21	28
Meadowbank, Manchester	33	20	24
St James's CE, Wigan	28	27	15
St Mark's CE, Wigan	29	21	27

SCHOOL	No. of pupils No. of eligible pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Mathematics	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in Science
Castle Hill CE, Wigan	34	35	15	21
Marston, Wigan	23	28	27	28
Marble Green, Wigan	48	22	8	33
Longfield CE, Wigan	58	16	18	32
LEA AVERAGES:		57.5	56.0	63.7

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Stanton St Quintin, Chippenham	14	93	100	100
Lyttelton CE, Swindon	14	100	85	100
St Mary's RC, Chippenham	42	98	85	95
Presnure, Marlborough	14	100	93	86
Ashington Keynes, Swindon	16	79	73	84
St Mary's CE, Devizes	15	87	73	100
Baydon St Nicholas, Marlborough	12	92	83	85
Sutton Vry CE, Warrminster	14	79	79	100
Longleaze CE, Chippenham	13	85	75	82
St Joseph's RC, Devizes	32	84	79	81
Winsley CE, Bradford-on-Avon	28	91	74	87
St John's CE, Melksham	33	75	62	50
Sutton Banger CE, Chippenham	12	83	63	262
Charall CE, Calne	15	73	87	87
Wentworth, Swindon	21	67	90	84
St John's CE, Devizes	15	73	80	83
Burgrave, Marlborough	19	89	89	88
Norton, Northam	24	88	75	83
St Andrew's CE, Chippenham	12	62	62	62
Derry Hill CE, Calne	31	81	74	80
Redmich CE, Swindon	20	75	80	84
St John's CE, Melksham	16	84	69	81
Rushall CE, Pewsey	14	79	79	86
Groveham Park, Swindon	36	75	75	82
Rowell CE, Devizes	17	71	82	88
Collingbourne CE, Marlborough	18	85	85	84
Barnhill, Melksham	18	61	89	83
Cudwell CE, Melksham	13	89	85	83
St John's CE, Devizes	15	85	85	85
Croft St Mary CE, Warrminster	12	67	75	92
Norton, Swindon	26	72	76	86
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	26	76	88	88
Dauntsey, Devizes	16	61	75	82
Pescott, Trowbridge	31	77	77	83
St John's CE, Swindon	31	77	77	83
West CE, Corsham	14	79	71	79
St John's CE, Chippenham	11	64	64	100
Boxwood, Swindon	17	75	83	83
St Andrew's, Salisbury	15	67	80	82
St Edmund's CE, Devizes	20	70	87	87
St John's CE, Trowbridge	10	70	73	80
Trowton & Marston, Devizes	12	67	75	82
Pitzwater, Bradford-on-Avon	46	74	74	76
St John's CE, Trowbridge	12	67	75	82
Morgan's Vale & Widd's, Salisbury	18	61	72	89
Kingsley Valley, Marlborough	15	87	60	82
St George's CE, Swindon	21	77	78	78
Rainsbury, Marlborough	31	71	77	71
Downton CE, Salisbury	38	71	77	219
St Peter's CE, Salisbury	21	67	73	73
Wootton Bassett CE, Wootton Bassett	29	76	69	217
New Close, Warrminster	30	73	66	81
St Thomas CE, Corsham	20	65	80	81
St George's RC, Warrminster	20	55	60	215
St Peter's CE, Devizes	20	55	90	215
St John's CE, Salisbury	14	75	70	75
Brinkwith Earl Danby's CE, Chippenham	16	70	84	79
Lynnhelm, Chippenham	66	70	84	79
Alcock, Melksham	63	70	84	79
St John's CE, Melksham	67	67	67	67
St Edmund's RC, Salisbury	23	62	77	212
Hampton CE, Salisbury	70	64	77	211
St John's CE, Hareford	67	67	67	67
Norwester, Swindon	71	68	69	72
Stoke CE, Marlborough	12	83	50	70
St John's CE, Marlborough	15	87	87	87
Brook Field, Swindon	78	63	78	63
Minster CE, Warrminster	25	64	66	72
St John's CE, Trowbridge	54	71	75	75
St Sampson's CE, Swindon	51	71	75	75
Bath, Wootton Bassett	18	72	67	61
Freshbrook CE, Swindon	84	61	80	79
St John's CE, Marlborough	13	54	54	52
Sharnham CE, Chippenham	14	50	73	73
Hilston CE, Melksham	17	46	77	200
St Peter's CE, Marlborough	70	63	59	76
St John's CE, Marlborough	48	55	55	55
St Edmund CE, Salisbury	20	66	70	60
Christ Church CE, Bradford-on-Avon	78	65	67	194
Trowbridge, Trowbridge	36	72	47	75
St John's CE, Swindon	58	51	58	51
St Andrew CE, Swindon	14	57	64	71
St John's CE, Trowbridge	13	77	38	77
St John's CE, Swindon	64	82	38	81
St John's CE, Swindon	80	80	34	81
Pewsey, Pewsey	32	59	56	75
Cornemanshead, Swindon	33	64	64	81
St John's CE, Swindon	38	53	58	81
Ivy Lane, Chippenham	52	60	60	65

SCHOOL	No. of pupils	% of pupils gaining level 4 or better in	% of pupils achieving 5 or more
Chisleold, Swindon	37	65	57
Monkton Park, Chippenham	23	57	52
Durrington CE, Salisbury	58	57	63
St Andrew's, Swindon	33	60	60
Troceno, Swindon	33	62	70
All Saints CE, Salisbury SP4 9PJ	21	57	71
All Saints CE, Salisbury SP5 2SU	14	57	71
St Michael's CE, Chippenham	58	62	71
Lawn, Swindon	56	63	64
Longleaze, Swindon	50	68	62
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	55	59	54
Frogwell, Chippenham	64	55	59
Regis Co, Cotherton	26	62	68
St Andrew's CE, Cotherton	32	63	68
St Catherine's RC, Swindon	30	62	68
St Mary's CE, Salisbury	14	57	64
St Fanny's CE, Swindon	41	59	56
St Michael's CE, Marlborough	52	50	23
Alderbury & W Grimstead CE, Salisbury	18	61	44
Grove Hill, Swindon	32	62	63
Kings Lodge, Chippenham	72	58	44
Southbrook CE, Devizes	83	54	76
Zouch, Tidworth	29	42	76
Avenue Co, Warminster	42	57	55
Marlborough CE, Warminster	48	51	54
Holy Family RC, Swindon	56	55	68
Armesbury CE, Salisbury	65	51	74
St Andrew's CE, Chippenham	24	48	42
St Paul's CE, Salisbury	24	54	63
Robert Le King, Swindon	40	55	50
Tootill, Swindon	60	44	75
Weston, Swindon	63	52	64
Hollarock Co, Trowbridge	48	60	56
St Paul's Co, Chippenham	27	58	63
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	37	55	51
Princescroft Co, Warminster	26	58	62
Southwick, Trowbridge	26	46	62
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	15	60	53
St Peter's CE, Chippenham	30	60	63
Leintwardene, Swindon	34	38	53
St Hilary CE, Cotherton	52	56	56
Sall Way Co, Swindon	34	57	51
St Joseph's RC, Marlborough	14	50	57
Hilperton CE, Trowbridge	16	58	68
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	66	48	66
Marlborough CE, Marlborough	56	54	61
Falston Manor, Salisbury	86	54	70
Holy Trinity, Devizes	17	49	47
Liden, Swindon	69	52	61
Ludgershall Castle, Andover	43	47	67
St Andrew's Co, Cotherton	37	57	49
Redland, Chippenham	26	50	54
Duchy Manor, Warminster	43	44	67
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	55	45	42
King William St CE, Swindon	16	56	50
St Martin's CE, Salisbury	39	48	51
St George's RC, Calne	34	65	50
Bulford CE, Swindon	62	34	49
Winterdown CE, Salisbury	18	56	44
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	32	40	60
Wentwood CE, Swindon	43	43	45
Windbourne, Melksham	64	48	38
Lowmills Hill Co, Swindon	30	53	53
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	12	40	42
Christ The King RC, Salisbury	36	39	61
Upper Co, Pinneroy	45	45	44
Seven Fields, Swindon	30	27	60
Moredon, Swindon	64	54	41
Ediene, Swindon	70	37	55
Rushton, Swindon	42	42	40
Ferndale, Swindon	47	51	40
St Andrew's CE, Trowbridge	53	38	52
Mawleyne Court, Trowbridge	53	38	52
Wilton CE, Salisbury	83	45	41
St Katherine's CE, Marlborough	12	42	33
St Michael's CE, Malmham	32	44	37
Stratford-sub-Castle CE, Salisbury	32	56	33
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	12	42	33
St Andrew's CE, Salisbury	23	44	33
Park South, Swindon	48	25	44
Aven, Salisbury	75	33	21
Pottome CE, Devizes	22	45	32
St Andrew's CE, Calne	45	31	28
St Dunstan CE, Calne	38	28	28
Newcrum, Trowbridge	58	32	23
St Andrew's CE, Swindon	31	23	16
Pinehurst, Salisbury	73	11	29
Dillon Marsh CE, Westbury	19	37	11
Penhill, Swindon	57	14	18
LAKE AVERAGES	42	51.2	55.4

SCHOOL	No. of pupils gaining level 4 or better in English
West Kirby, Wirral	24
Stanley Road, Wirral	43
Great Meols, Wirral	87
St Brigid's CE, Wirral	97
Burgham, Wirral	95
Geylton, Wirral	91
Lady Mount RC, Wirral	26
St Peter's CE, Wirral	40
Pengwern, Wirral	39
Christ The King, Wirral	54
Brookdale, Wirral	46
Barnston, Wirral	37
Our Saviour's CE, Birkenhead	30
Higher Robinson, Wirral	84
Irby, Wirral	34
Overchurch, Wirral	79
Gessely, Wirral	77
St Albans RC, Wallasey	42
Greenleaf, Wallasey	42
Church Church CE, Wirral	74
Fenton, Birkenhead	56
St Joseph's RC, Wirral	37
Heswall CO, Wirral	28
Bachmawood, Wirral	90
St George's, Wallasey	112
Sacred Heart RC, Wirral	44
Our L of Lourdes, Wirral	73
St Mary's St Paul, Wallasey	46
St Anne's RC, Birkenhead	29
Holy Trinity CE, Wirral	48
Mount, Wirral	38
St Joseph's RC, Birkenhead	50
Black Horse Hill, Wirral	36
Hillside, Birkenhead	55
Raeburn, Wirral	56
New Brighton, Wallasey	91
Woodlands, Birkenhead	47
St Michael's, Wirral	80
Grove Street, Wirral	52
Lingham, Wirral	78
St Andrew's CE, Wirral	18
St Mary's CE, Wirral	19
St Michi & All Angels, Wirral	23
Park, Wirral	47
Heysgrange, Wirral	58
Woodchurch Road, Birkenhead	73
Christ Church CE, Birkenhead	94
Beckford Avenue, Birkenhead	72
Mendall, Wirral	39
Townfield, Birkenhead	68
Church Drive, Wirral	37
Dal, Birkenhead	46
Liscard, Wallasey	101
St John's CE, Birkenhead	89
St John's RC, Wirral	49
Somerville, Wallasey	69
St Joseph's, Wallasey	47
Deva Park Park, Birkenhead	56
Our L & St Edward's RC, Birkenhead	29
Woodside, Wirral	41
Cathcart St, Wirral	37
Cathcart Street, Birkenhead	23
Evelina, Wirral	57
Radcliffe, Birkenhead	47
St Peter's RC, Birkenhead	61
Egremont, Wallasey	60
Leasowe, Wirral	46
Poulton, Wallasey	50
Priony CE, Birkenhead	30
Arncliffe Hill, Wirral	42
Warrington, Birkenhead	36
Holly Cross RC, Birkenhead	23
Riverside, Wallasey	52
Rock Ferry, Birkenhead	37
Seacombe, Birkenhead	21
Kingsway, Wallasey	39
Mersey Park, Birkenhead	49
St Warburg's FC, Birkenhead	27
St Paul's RC, Birkenhead	31
Vymer, Birkenhead	40
Fender, Wirral	27
Seacombe, Birkenhead	33
Bedford Village CE, Birkenhead	62
Castleway, Wirral	30
St Paul's RC, Birkenhead	12

WOLVERHAMPTON				
St Thomas's CE, WW11 3TG	29	90	80	86
Christ Church CE, WW16 3G	52	83	67	82
St Patrick's RC, WW11 1PG	18	83	83	83
St John's RC, WW11 8BA	71	71	80	82
Corpus Christi RC, WW11 2LT	22	73	82	77
Woodfield, WV4 4AG	98	77	71	84
Holy Rosary RC, WW1 2SS	12	75	67	85
St James's RC, WV4 5LG	10	75	75	85
Woodhouse, WV6 8BL	45	76	69	73
Cestercroft, WV3 8BS	28	75	75	71
D'Elmwood, WW11 1DD	70	65	70	75
116 Avenue, WV4 5LE	36	64	61	83
St Michael's CE, WV6 9AF	27	61	59	67
Palmer's Cross, WV6 9DF	31	55	77	74
St James's RC, WV6 9JL	50	50	70	75
Long Knowle, WV11 1EB	30	68	60	72
Moat House, WW11 3DB	31	65	61	74
Perry Hall, WW11 3RT	50	72	84	62
St James's RC, WW11 2QQ	60	62	69	75
Blingley, WV3 0HY	35	60	54	75
Clanmanga, WV6 8JU	31	65	58	68
St Mary & St John RC, WV2 1HZ	35	65	50	75
Worleston, WV4 4LJ	76	63	67	70
St Jude's CE, WV6 0DT	60	63	63	65
Wood End, WV11 1YG	27	56	48	70
Worleston, WV4 4LJ	21	54	29	65
Springdale, WV4 4NJ	76	64	37	64
St Mary's RC, WV10 8PG	43	47	53	65
Farnside, WV6 0ES	27	58	52	56
St James's RC, WV10 6NW	48	58	52	58
Lansfield, WV4 8SZ	38	64	44	53
Goldthorn Park, WV4 5ET	64	64	44	59
Oxley, WV4 6TR	24	63	46	59
Willers, WV14 6PR	68	47	47	59
Wolverfield, WV11 1PW	45	67	26	65
Holy Trinity RC, WV14 7PG	28	64	39	54
Wolverfield, WV11 1PW	38	47	40	45
Loxdale, WV14 0PH	29	59	45	45
Okefallings, WV10 8BN	74	49	45	55
Densmore Park, WV11 2LA	33	42	39	47
St James's RC, WV11 2AN	44	44	53	53
Merridale, WV5 0UP	32	47	47	41
St Alban's CE, WV11 2PF	23	57	39	35
Wolverfield, WV6 8S3	65	48	48	48
Wolverfield, WV11 3TT	28	47	48	43
Priory Green, WV6 8NJ	35	51	34	43
Gifford RC, WV6 0RH	22	41	43	41
Wolverfield, WV10 0HG	18	38	27	47
Stowlam, WV14 6EH	21	41	31	55
St Teresa's RC, WV4 8AW	31	23	45	58
Wolverfield, WV6 8SE	24	33	42	50
St Martin's CE, WV14 8BS	16	35	34	52
Green Acres, WV14 7AE	46	30	37	44
Brindley, WV6 0FR	20	40	25	55
Wolverfield, WV11 3UJ	25	35	45	45
St Andrew's CE, WV6 0RH	55	36	31	47
Westfieldside Way, WV11 1BN	23	52	26	35
Colliers' CE, WV10 0DS	108	34	42	41
St James's RC, WV11 2DS	28	29	29	29
St Luke's CE, WV2 4PU	71	46	12	41
Trinity CE, WV10 4BQ	61	34	26	38
St Albans, WV11 1UL	20	35	20	35
Wodan, WV10 0LH	43	40	33	19
Whitewine, WV10 9LP	56	34	27	30
Stoke Vale, WV11 2BQ	35	35	20	35
Downs, WV6 1TX	89	35	24	38
Greave, WV2 1HZ	34	32	29	24
Parfield, WV4 8HB	39	28	29	31
St John's CE, WV14 0SU	19	25	18	25
Underhill, WV10 8NZ	29	28	21	35
Bushby Hall, WV10 8BY	66	29	17	27
St James's RC, WV10 8BY	20	20	20	20
St Stephen's CE, WV10 0BB	32	25	19	22
Dunstal Hall, WV6 0NB	24	29	17	

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Dunnington CE, York	28	96	93 295
Oakton Grove, York	25	92	89 92 280
Wholesale CE, York	24	88	90 92 289
Leafield House, York	82	91	289 290
Scarforth, York	31	89	94 94 295
Ralph Butterfield, York	57	82	91 91 284
Archbishop of York's CE, York	36	81	83 86 286
St Paul's CE, York	33	79	78 85 284
Fulford St Oswald's CE, York	34	76	78 86 238
Hemphelby, York	69	81	75 81 237
Stileton, York	42	74	79 83 237
Upper Poppleton, York	63	83	88 93 237
Accomb, York	34	65	91 79 235
Woodthorpe, York	84	88	74 88 235
Dringhouses, York	33	79	78 79 234
English Martins' RC, York	33	73	70 73 229
Robert Williamson, York	55	78	73 78 229
Secesse, York	28	64	71 78 228
St Asmund's RC, York	33	83	70 73 228
Lord Darnmore's, York	39	72	67 73 218
Wigginton Co, York	69	80	58 73 213
Caenethorpe, York	59	88	66 76 203
Stood-on-the-Forest, York	17	65	68 76 204
Chilfargate, York	27	59	63 61 193
Pilgrims House Co, York	71	62	68 68 198
East Hall Co, York	33	60	64 74 194
St Wilfrid's RC, York	88	58	59 66 188
St George's RC, York	51	70	57 67 188
Our Lady's RC, York	32	59	63 69 187
Oak Grove, York	23	65	52 70 187
Poppleton Road Co, York	57	67	66 69 186
Osbaldeston CE, York	64	63	58 58 183
Carr Co, York	27	67	63 54 175
Huntington, York	48	58	53 61 173
Leawards CE, York	15	53	47 67 167
Yarmley Green CE, York	56	51	45 58 166
St Barnabas CE, York	18	61	61 59 161
Westfield, York	93	57	40 39 159
New Garlick Underdon, York	28	38	54 54 147
Knaresmire, York	23	43	48 43 143
St Lawrence's CE, York	30	37	37 51 141
Heathy Road, York	44	20	35 41 128
Red Moor, York	70	33	30 46 109
Derwent Co, York	42	33	33 33 103

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